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## Charter Commission Readies For Public Hearing

The Agawam Charter Commission has, for the past several months, been reviewing and revising the Agawam Town Charter, by mandate of the voters of Agawam. Last week, after many long, and often tedious sessions, the Commission completed work on two preliminary drafts. These drafts, whose text begins on page 8 of this paper, will be presented at a public hearing to be held on June 28, 1978 in the Agawam Junior High School auditorium.

The purpose of the public hearing is to solicit citizen input and reaction to the charter forms that will be offered the voters in the upcoming election. Voters will have a choice between a charter calling for a Manager/Council form of government, similar to the present system in which the Manager is appointed, and the Town Council is elected, and a Mayor/Council form in which the Mayor (administrative head of government) would be

elected, as would the Council.

One major revision in both preliminary drafts calls for a reduction in the size of the Town Council to nine members, with all members being elected at large.

All citizens are urged to read the proposed charters and to attend the public hearing. Extra copies of this paper are available in the Town Clerk's office, Town Hall.

Members of the Charter Commission are pictured at their last meeting before the upcoming public hearing on the two new proposed charters. Front row, left to right: Arthur Kerr, Edmond Coffey, clerk; Andrew Gallano, chairman; and Barbara Skolnik. Back row, same order: Walter Kerr; Kenneth Barnes; Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, vice-chairman, and Frederick Drew.

photo by Jack Devine

## 4th of July Weekend Festivities

"General chairman Jack Kunasek announces the following:"

The 3rd Annual Agawam Festive 4th of July weekend will begin on Saturday Night July 1, 1978. The Community band will play at the Senior High School on Cooper St. at 7 p.m. under the direction of Darcey Davis. Then following at 8:30 p.m. there will be a "Super Aerial Fireworks" display on the High School Grounds.

The parade will step off at 1 p.m. on Sunday July 2 from the Feeding Hills Library and proceed up Springfield St. to the Polish American Club on Southwick St. in

Feeding Hills. The picnic will also take place at the Polish Club at 12 noon, same day.

Co-chairing the picnic is Ted Tworg and Bill Kushier, Ruth Zucco will chair special events and publicity; Charlotte Vinturini and David Clouse will serve on the parade committee, Stanley Chmielewski will be in charge of the 6 mile run which is a new part of this weekend. Applications for this event are available at the Parks & Recreation office or from Stanley Chmielewski.

The parade will consist of Marching bands which in-

clude the combined Agawam School Bands, The Royal Columbian Drum Corps, the Colonial Pipers bag pipes from Rockland, Mass., the Hi Lo's Drum Corps. other units will be the Agawam V.F.W. Post 1632, Agawam Auxiliary Police, Agawam Youth Center, Agawam Jay Cees and Queen.

There will be 2 bands at the Picnic to play throughout the day. One in the afternoon and another in the evening. It will be an all day affair with a wide variety of foods, games, dancing, clowns giving out candy and gum to the young at heart, and fun for all.

## Agawam Friendly's Reopens

The Agawam Friendly restaurant reopened its doors for business this morning at 7:00 A.M. in the Agawam Shopping Center. The local restaurant had been closed for three months while undergoing major renovation and expansion plans.

A unique ribbon-cutting ceremony officially reopened the all-new Friendly at 9:30 A.M. S. Prestley Blake, Chairman of the Board and co-founder of Friendly Ice Cream Corporation; Peter Caputo, Agawam's Town Manager; Kenneth Rieck, newly-appointed Manager of the restaurant; and Roberta Page, Promotion Coordinator for Friendly, all helped negotiate the giant, six-foot pair of scissors through the "cutting" of the ribbon. On hand at the ceremony were the three former Agawam Friendly Managers, Vytol Mack, Robert Robar and Gerald Meiers, all of whom are still employed by Friendly at other locations.

Last evening a special "pre-reopening" ice cream Sundae-Making Party was enjoyed by hundreds of in-

vited officials and townspeople from Agawam, West Springfield and Springfield. Mr. Thomas Russo, Sr., a resident of Agawam and long-time Agawam Friendly customer since its original opening in 1957, was treated to the first sundae at the festive event.

The all-new Agawam Friendly has increased its seating capacity from 38 to 140 and now employs 80 area people. The restaurant hours are 7:00 A.M. to 12:00 Midnight Sundays through Thursdays and until 2:00 A.M. Fridays and Saturdays. Old Friendly Favorites are still on the menu along with 20 new nice surprises including Bacon Burgers, Patty Melts, Chef's Salads, Turkey Sandwiches, Waistline Watchers specials and a "Kid Stuff" selection for children under 12. There is traditional carry-out service and half gallons of Friendly ice cream are packaged for home consumption.

The Agawam facility is one of over 600 Friendly restaurants owned and operated in 17 states by Friendly Ice Cream Corporation.

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Agawam Community Band starts another successful season with their first rehearsal attended by members of the last few classes to graduate from Agawam High as well as members of the present senior high and junior high bands.

There is still plenty of room in all sections for any band musicians who wish to play and there will be two more Tuesday evening rehearsals before the band performs its first concert at the Agawam Fireworks display on Sat. evening, July 1.

The band especially welcomes people who have previously played even though it may be some time ago and will make allowances for those who need a little time to "get back in shape."

During the month of July the band will perform concerts at various locations in town on Tuesday evenings. Rehearsals are held at the senior high school band room on Tuesdays in June from 7-9 P.M.

**Read And Attend  
public Hearing - June 28, 1978  
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## Wanted: Sport news

If you would like  
to read about your  
team, please send  
it to us.



"What do I do now?" seems to be the question posed by John Battista, age 4, of Campbell Drive, Agawam.

photo by Jack Devine



## Strawberry Supper

On Tuesday evening, June 20th in the Grange Hall at 47 No. West Street, Community Grange of Feeding Hills will serve a public strawberry supper. There will be two sittings, at 5 o'clock and 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Herbert Binns of

46 Kinsington St., Feeding Hills is taking reservations. (No. 786-4052) The menu will include potato and egg salad, boiled ham, rolls, pickles, strawberry shortcake and beverages. The public is invited to attend.

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## Farewell Party For Sparkes

Barry Sparkes will be leaving SPAN Center at the end of this month. He has worked at the Center for almost 5 years and, during that time, has made many friends. We are having a picnic/farewell party for him on June 28th from 4 - 8 p.m. at the Mawaga Club off Adams Street. It will be a pot luck picnic. Bring whatever you would eat. There are plenty of tables as well as a large pavillion in case of rain. We will provide charcoal for cooking and soda. The area is woody and pleasant and has plenty room for children. If you have any questions or suggestions call Ruth Roberts at the Center (786-6410).

We look forward to seeing you on the 28th.

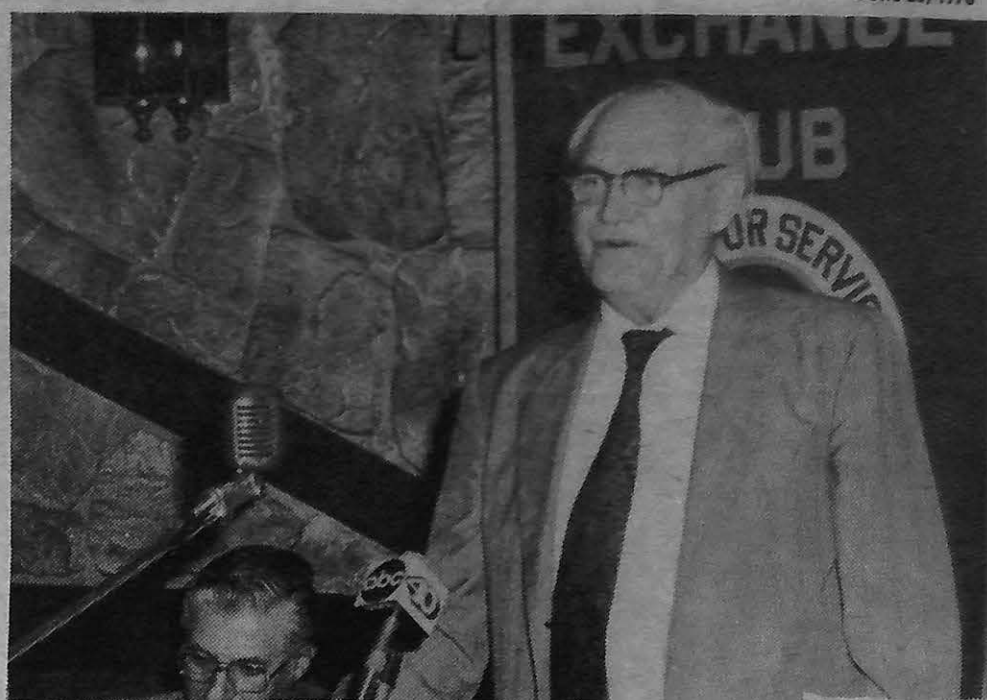


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## Swift Receives Exchange Club Award

Raymond Swift of 25 Clifton Drive, Agawam was chosen to receive the Springfield exchange club's book of Golden Deeds award to be presented at a luncheon held in his honor at the Lido Restaurant in Springfield on Thursday, June 25, 1978. Announcement of this year's honoree was made by club president, Albert V. Valentini.

By means of the book of Golden Deeds, the exchange club proclaims publicly the Golden Deeds of worthy citizens so that unselfish toil and sacrifices will not pass un-noticed. Swift's name and achievements will be recorded for the inspiration of future generations.

An octogenarian, Swift is a member of the advisory

committee for the Western Massachusetts Health Planning Council and serves on their committee on Health Education. He is involved in their work to prepare a directory of services, he is a member of the mental health and retardation committee and the council of church, joint ecumenical task force on churches and retardation. He serves as a trustee of synexet retreat center a retreat camping center for the unitarian-universalist church.

The 84-year old Swift is a member of the Gray Panthers and Advocates for senior citizen rights, he works on citizen involvement in community agencies to influence policy.

A retired metallurgist of

Perkins Machine and Gear. Swift is very active in the efforts to secure income benefits for people whose pensions were foreited because companies failed, moved out of the area, or sold their business.

According to program chairman, Robert L. Aughter, many friends and colleagues describe Ray Swift as not only being interested in community issues, but taking the time to help people in personal matters as well.

A hitherto undistinguished marcher in the passing parade, exchangite Swift's significant contributions to the community, in the true spirit of the golden rule, have earned him the honor of receiving the book of golden deeds award.

# Frankies

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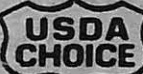
	Half	Whole		Half	Whole
Pepper Steak	1.55	2.90	Pepper & Egg	1.45	2.70
Meatball	1.55	2.90	Tuna Fish	1.55	2.90
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Veal Cutlet	1.55	2.90	Roast Beef	1.65	3.10
Italian Cold Cut	1.55	2.90	Corn Beef	1.55	2.90
American Cold Cut	1.45	2.70	Genoa Salami	1.55	2.90
Cappacola	1.65	3.10	Cheeseburger	1.55	2.90
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## Hair-a-Thon

Here's your chance to get a new summer hair do and help some Switzerland bound Girl Scouts at the same time.

On Wednesday, June 28, "Adam and Eve Cut", 216 Dickinson Street in Springfield will conduct a "Hair-A-Thon" from 10 am to 5 pm. The shop will be offering patrons full service—hair cuts, shampoo, blow dries—at regular prices. Half of each fee, however will benefit a group of 20 Girl Scouts from communities throughout the Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council who are planning a trip to Switzerland in June of 1979. As a group, the girls hope to raise half of the total cost of the trip.

Anyone interested in supporting this effort should call "Adam and Eve Cut" 739-8261 for an appointment.

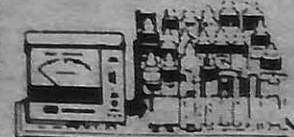
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# Home Box Office Listings

## MONDAY, JUNE 19

**6:00 SMALL CHANGE**  
Truffaut remembered for *Day for Night* and *Jules and Jim*. (Dubbed-PG-1:44) p.7  
**8:00 CHAMPIONSHIP GYMNASTICS**  
Part II. 1976 Olympian Kurt Thomas is the favorite. p.12  
**9:00 CROSS OF IRON**  
Senta Berger (R-2:00) p.15  
**11:00 THE STEAGLE**  
Chill Wills is zany as a has-been cowboy star (R-1:30) p.17  
**12:30 CROSS OF IRON**  
Maximilian Schell and James Coburn co-star (R-2:00) p.15

## TUESDAY, JUNE 20

**6:00 AUDREY ROSE**  
Susan Swift and Anthony Hopkins (PG-1:53) p.17  
**8:00 BOBBIE JOE AND THE OUTLAW**  
Merrie Lynn Ross as a go-go dancer (R-1:29) p.16  
**9:30 THE LATE SHOW**  
Action and mystery plus warmth and humor. Art Carney stars (PG-1:32) p.17  
**11:00 WHERE'S POPPA?**  
Free-wheeling satire with Ruth Gordon (R-1:27) p.11

## Local Nurses Take Refresher Course

Through a cooperative venture between Holyoke Community College and the Baystate Medical Center to offer a refresher course for registered nurses, twenty-nine R.N.'s in the Pioneer Valley area have learned more about up-to-date nursing concepts and methods, according to Mrs. Shirley Joly of the HCC staff.

The refresher course content included a review of vital signs, transfer techniques, positioning, dressing and precaution techniques, irrigations, colostomy and tube care, nursing care plans, medications, and CPR and team leading concepts.

The course, 108 hours in length, was divided into classroom work and hospital work: 60 hours were spent on the HCC campus for lectures and discussions and 48 hours were spent at BSMC for the clinical affiliation and patient care.

To ensure a low student-instructor ratio for learning purposes and for safe patient care, Mrs. Joly said, the enrollment was limited and the course was given twice, one class from January to March and one class from April to June. The second course ended on June 5.

Instructor for the classes and hospital experience was Mrs. Sue Scott, B.S.N., of Southampton, MA.

Those who completed the course are Marie Boutin and Emily Burd of East Longmeadow; Sharon Brennan and Kathleen Moynihan of Springfield; Nadine Carroll, Elizabeth Stevens, and Judith Wass of Longmeadow; Margaret Dilko of Suffield, Ct.; Dorcas Fisher, Brenda Millette, Jean Rogers, Betty Ann Taylor, and Julia Swanson of Northampton.

Also, Sandra Guyette of Chicopee; Janet Hanson, Joan Hermance, Lois McGee, and Elizabeth Spellios of Wilbraham; Jean Hayden, Carol Lund, Mary Mader, and Joy Reed of Amherst; Millicent Herfurth of Florence; Henrietta James and Kathleen Lavoie of Ludlow; Joyce McCleary of Monson; Phyllis Rafala and Marian Wright of Somers, Ct.; and Cathleen Simpson of Agawam.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

**6:00 KINGDOM OF THE SPIDERS**  
Nominee for "Best Horror Film" of 1977 (PG-1:35) p.16  
**8:00 HOCUS POCUS, IT'S MAGIC!**  
SRO. With the great Thomason. Dick Cavett hosts. p.11  
**9:30 ORCA**  
Charlotte Rampling and Richard Harris in high seas adventure (PG-1:32) p.5  
**11:00 MARATHON MAN**  
Laurence Olivier and Dustin Hoffman co-star in high-powered thriller (R-2:05) p.6

## THURSDAY, JUNE 22

**6:00 THE LITTLE GIRL WHO LIVES DOWN THE LANE**  
She'll hold your interest every minute (PG-1:32) p.4  
**8:00 AIRPORT 77**  
Disaster aboard a billionaire's jumbo jet (PG-1:57) p.14  
**10:00 DAVID BRENNER RETURNS**  
On Location. Philadelphia celebs turn out to cheer him. p.17  
**11:00 ROAD TO SALINA**  
A mother cannot control her children (R-1:36) p.12

## FRIDAY, JUNE 23

**5:30 THE STING**  
How to make the "Big Con." (PG-2:09) p.13  
**8:00 FREDDIE PRINZE AND FRIENDS**  
On Location. Premiere. The only existing nightclub footage of this star. p.18  
**9:30 BOBBIE JOE AND THE OUTLAW**  
Jesse Vint of Macon County Line (R-1:29) p.16  
**11:00 ORCA**  
Exciting music (PG-1:32) p.5  
**12:30 THE STING**  
How to out-swindle the swindlers (PG-2:09) p.13

## SATURDAY, JUNE 24

**3:30 HOCUS POCUS IT'S MAGIC!**  
Dick Cavett hosts. p.11  
**5:00 GRAND THEFT AUTO**  
Ron Howard (PG-1:29) p.10  
**6:30 HOCUS POCUS, IT'S MAGIC!** p.11

**8:00 FOOD OF THE GODS**  
Premiere. Frightening H.G. Wells tale (PG-1:28) p.19

**9:30 LENNY**  
Limited engagement begins. Bruce bio (B/W-R-1:52) p.21  
**11:30 THE LITTLE GIRL DOWN THE LANE**  
Jodie Foster (PG-1:32) p.4  
**1:00 LENNY**  
Searing! (B/W-R-1:52) p.21

## SUNDAY, JUNE 25

**3:30 HELEN REDDY**  
SRO. From Las Vegas. p.21  
**4:30 ROSELAND**  
Critical raves from coast-to-coast (PG-1:43) p.7  
**6:30 ORCA**  
Killer whale (PG-1:32) p.5  
**8:00 ONE ON ONE**  
Premiere. A sports yarn in tradition of *Rocky* (PG-1:38) p.19  
**10:00 CROSS OF IRON**  
War-weary German fighters struggle to survive (R-2:00) p.15  
**12:00 WHERE'S POPPA?**  
The looniest family you ever met (R-1:27) p.11  
**1:30 ROSELAND**  
Teresa Wright (PG-1:43) p.7

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# Social

## Newcomers Install

The Annual Installation Banquet of the Agawam-West Springfield Newcomer's Club was held recently at Chuck's Steak House in Southwick.

In a candle light ceremony, symbolizing the light of friendship, the New Officers and board members for the year 1978-79 were installed.

The New Officers for the coming year are as follows. Connie Andry, President - Karen LaPlante, 1st Vice President - Rosemarie Maniscalco 2nd Vice President - Dorothy Graveline, recording Sec. - Lynn Binder, Treasurer - Kathie Schofer corresponding Sec. and Mary Ellen Sullivan Historian.

## H.C.C. Awards To Local Students

Individual awards for academic excellence and college citizenship were presented to students of Holyoke Community College at the College's annual awards banquet held recently (May 21) at the Wyckoff Country Club in Holyoke.

Students who received awards from Agawam are; Claire Bewes, The Award for Excellence in Public Speaking; Charlene Maniscalchi, The Early Childhood Prize; and Leila Soffen, The A.B. Dick Secretarial Award and The Student Senate Award for Outstanding Character, Initiative and Leadership. Also Stephen Gould, The Prize for Excellence in Spanish, First Year (Basic); and Kathryn Ann Montagna, The Early Childhood Prize, both from Feeding Hills.

## Crafts Sale

Granville: The Village School Grounds on Rt. 57 will be the scene of a TAILGATE AND CRAFTS SALE Sept. 16 from 10 AM to 4 PM. (Rain date - Sept. 23rd.) We invite dealers, craftsmen, hobbyists, collectors, tag sale enthusiasts and housewives with anything to sell to reserve a 15 Ft. x 15 Ft. space for \$10.00 and enjoy a beautiful Fall day in this picturesque village. Home cooked foods and refreshments will be available. Sponsored by the Granville Federated Church Ladies Aid. For more information phone Dorothy Ledger at 357-6644 or Helen Bettinger at 357-6698. Come and spend the day with us.

## Soper-Lydict Exchange Vows

Marriage vows were exchanged Friday in the First Congregational Church, West Springfield, by Miss Deirdre V. Soper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin J. Soper, Jr. of 56 Hall Street, Feeding Hills, and Michael G. Lydict, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Lydict of 187 Berkshire Avenue, Southwick. The Reverend Emery L. Wallace, Minister, officiated at the 5:00 ceremony.

Charles D. Beeler, church organist, provided the ceremony music, while Robert Gesser, guitarist/vocalist, performed The Wedding Song before the vows.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a taffeta gown with a seeded pearl and lace Georgette overlay, fashioned with a scallop neckline. She carried a colonial bouquet of white and blue daisies, with baby's breath and fern.

As friends of the bride, Mrs. Robert Filipiak of Aldenville was matron of honor and Miss Ellen Nas of Nijmegen, Holland (The Netherlands) was maid of honor. Attending as bridesmaids were Miss Jean Stefanik of Barre, Vermont and Miss Carrie Frontiero of Amherst, New Hampshire, cousin of the bride and Miss Cheryl Johnson of Westfield.

All bridal attendants wore gowns and accessories that were created by Joan Luchini of Florida Drive, Agawam. Blue and white check gingham, white eyelet trim and royal blue ribbon were used for the country-style gowns. White hats with matching blue trim and



Mrs. Michael Lydict

handmade white daisy-chokers were also worn. Blue and white cloth flowers, arranged with baby's breath, fern and ribbon, were carried by the bridesmaids. The maid and matron of honor were distinguished with a cloth bouquet of all yellow flowers with a matching yellow choker.

Serving as best man was Richard Lydict of Chelmsford, Mass., brother of the groom. Guests were ushered by Erwin Soper, III of Southwick, brother of the bride, John Shea of West Hartford, Conn., Thomas Lamb of West Brookfield, Mass., Anthony Frontiero, Jr. of Amherst, New Hampshire and Paul Lydict of Chelmsford, nephew of the groom.

Following the ceremony, guests were greeted at Storowton Tavern, after which the couple left for Florida and Texas. Upon their return, Mr. and Mrs. Lydict will make their home in Agawam.

Mrs. Lydict is a graduate of Agawam High School and Morse School of Business, Hartford. She is employed as secretary to the director of health, physical and recreation services at the Springfield YMCA and is a part-time, free-lance typist.

Mr. Lydict graduated from Southwick High School, Holyoke Community College and American International College. He is the managing editor of the Conn. Education Association's monthly publication in Hartford, Conn.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### JUNE 20, 1978

Public Strawberry Supper  
5:00 and 6:30 P.M.  
Community Grange Hall  
North West St., Feeding Hills

### JUNE 25

Agawam Athletic Assn.  
Tag Sale  
Agawam Food Mart  
Parking Lot

### JUNE 23, 1978

Agawam Policeman's Ball  
Cocktails 6:30-7:30 P.M.  
Dinner 7:30 P.M.  
Dancing 9:00 P.M.-1:00 A.M.  
Chez Josef

### JULY 1 & 2

Annual Agawam  
Festive 4th of July Weekend  
July 1 - 7 P.M.  
Band Concert & Fireworks  
Agawam Sr. High School

### JUNE 24, 1978

Jaycees Paper Drive  
Agawam Food Mart  
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9 A.M.-4 P.M.

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Agawam UNICO Scholarship winners are pictured at the recent banquet held at Chez Josef. They are, from left: Paul Tangredi, Joellen Secondo, Patricia Quill, Laurie DeMusis, Ann Liddell, Philomena Napoli, Nine Contrino, Laura Moirano, Sal Morassi, Lea Ann Mercadante, missing.

photo by Jack Devine



Newly installed officers of the Agawam Chapter of U.N.I.C.O. are from left: Louis DePalma, chaplain; Tom Cascio, 1st Vice President; Tom Capolla, President; Paul Ferrarini, 2nd Vice President; and Al Alfano, secretary.

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Over 200 students performed in earlier recital programs during the Spring and some 36 of these young artists will be featured in the All-Star recital. The program will include instrumentalists from 5th Grade Band, Middle School, pianists from Junior and Senior High and vocalists from the Senior High School.

Selection for the All-Star Recital was made from students who received superior or high ratings in the previous afternoon recitals.

Students who will be featured include: Middle School strings - Thaisa Alechny, Carl Batchelder, Raymond Belden, Candice Frappier, Guy Jediny, Lisa Laudato, David Liptak, Dean Liptak, Elizabeth O'Donnell; - Elementary Band - Diana Porter, Melisa

Norton, Jamie Pacella, Lisa Eldridge, Michael Briggs, Todd Connery, Paul Joseph, Chris Tourville;

Middle School: Joane Boucher, Amy Porter, Kathy Adelman, Lisa Chevalier, Scott Pemberton, Karen Albano, Merritt Hopping, Katy Lester, Debbie Marai; Jr. and Sr. High: Caron

Ouellette, Nancy Masi, Lori Turcotte, Melanie Roberts, Julie Thorson, Sue Dematos, Graig Rovelli, Todd Rovelli, Jeff Rovelli, Carol Boucher, Karen Nascembeni, Mark Rolland, Richard Thronton, Leonard Pupello, Paul Sibelia, Andy Lester, Dana Mowrer, Dominic Dermine, and Edward Frighetto.

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# Editorials

## More On Proposition 13

by J.J. Smith

"Tonight we know how our forefathers felt as they hurled crates of English tea into Boston harbor and paved the way for freedom and liberty in the United States."

The words above were uttered 3,000 miles from Boston by Howard O. Jarvis, the 75-year-old Los Angeles landlord who led the drive to cut California property taxes by 57 percent. Significantly, just as his words referred to the historic act which fueled a revolution that birthed this nation two centuries ago, the so-called Jarvis Amendment, Proposition 13, sparked what may well be a new revolution against government throughout America, including here.

In approving the Jarvis Amendment by a 2-1 margin, California voters not only rolled back their own property taxes but voted an emphatic "no confidence" in the political process as we know it — a "no confidence" vote that is shared emphatically here in the Bay State.

The reaction of Governor Michael S. Dukakis to this mind-blowing ballot initiative revealed in stark simplicity what's wrong with his Administration. The chief executive claimed that Massachusetts has "put its fiscal house in order," and that the actions now being taken to channel increased state funds back to cities and towns were evidence that the state already was attacking the property tax problem.

One Boston financial writer termed the Dukakis claim a "miraculous chutzpah," and noted properly that "If Californians have a right to be furious over their taxes, the people of the Commonwealth have far more right."

Governor Dukakis' chutzpah is more incredible when one realizes that the fiscal house he claims to

have put in order resulted from two massive tax hikes that violated his "no new taxes" pledge—and now he seeks praise because he is going to return \$200-million of that "stolen" money back to the taxpayers he trimmed in the first place!

It's too early to tell, of course, but Proposition 13 — and the attention it is focusing on tax realities here — may prove Dukakis' biggest stumbling block to reelection. Many voters have been charmed by Dukakis' rhetoric on the subject of the tax raise and his phony promise to channel some \$200-million back to the local communities for property tax relief. Now, suddenly, in the backwash of publicity surrounding Proposition 13, more attention will zero in on this subject — and Dukakis may wind up on the defensive for the first time.

The overwhelming passage of Property 13 has focused a bright spotlight on a tax limitation proposal currently before the Massachusetts Legislature. Sponsored by the Citizens for Limited Taxation, the Bay State proposal is directed at state taxes rather than property taxes but it could result in reducing both.

Where this has added significance to Governor Dukakis, aside from fresh attention on the subject, is that the campaign for a Massachusetts tax limitation was spearheaded by Edward F. King, the West Roxbury businessman who was endorsed by the GOP state convention May 6 as its gubernatorial candidate.

Thus Ed King, with the aura emanating from Proposition 13, has been handed a swift, sharp sword as he takes on House Minority Leader Francis W. Hatch for the party's official nomination in the September primary — a sword also capable of beheading Dukakis if, as assumed, he

makes the November final election. With the fuss and fury surrounding tax reform now, people may realize, finally, that Dukakis' "firm pledge" of reducing the property tax under his plan is as phony as was that of ex-GOP Gov. John A. Volpe when he made the same promise when giving us the now-infamous sales tax.

The leader of the tax revolt in California referred to the historic Boston tea party while appraising his great victory. It's no secret that Massachusetts residents — despite Dukakis' soothing blandishments — know they are overtaxed so that another revolt in modern-day terms not only is long overdue but may now be precipitated.

The governor and other lawmakers on Beacon Hill had best wake up to that reality swiftly. Proposition 13's tremendous victory was a clear and direct warning that excessive, wasteful spending which makes such taxes necessary won't be tolerated. The message to Massachusetts and other states is clear — the public is aroused, angry and disgusted, and now that the trail to reform is charted many more will tread that same path. The California vote certainly reflects the mood of folks here. It is a classic example of citizen revolt; one that could happen here.

The bottom line message: Politicians must stop the empty rhetoric and promises on the extraordinary problems of inflation and property taxes, or face a ballot box revolution.

It's really that simple. The message has been returned here to us back across three thousand miles and two centuries. It's up to the governor and the Legislature now.

(J.J. Smith's comment appeared in 60 Massachusetts newspapers)

## Obituaries

Richard N. Guinard

AGAWAM—Richard N. Guinard, 55, of 71 Sunset Ter., native of Chicopee, a truck driver for Yankee Oil Co., died Tuesday in Providence Hospital, Holyoke. He lived many years in Holyoke before moving to Agawam 13 years ago and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church. He leaves his wife, Vivian (Galarneau) Guinard; and a brother, Gerald of Holyoke. The funeral will be Saturday at the Blas Fairview Funeral Home and in Immaculate Conception Church, Holyoke with burial in Notre Dame Cemetery, south Hadley.

Mary K. Wilson

AGAWAM — Mary K. Wilson, 91, of 5 Church St., retired clerk of the former Worthy Paper Co. and was later employed at the Bridgeview Grill, died Thursday at home. A lifelong resident, she was a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, West Springfield. She leaves a sister, Marion P. Wilson, with whom she made her home. The funeral will be Saturday at the Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, West Springfield, and in the church with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

Ruth Ripley

AGAWAM — Ruth Ripley, 77 of South Union, Maine, formerly a grammar school teacher in Feeding Hills, died Monday in a Rockland, Maine hospital. Born in South Union, she taught at the Feeding Hills Granger School for 31 years. She was a member of the Seven Tree Grange in Maine and a member of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church. She leaves two sisters, Helen Fuller of Westfield and Inez Ripley of South Union, Maine. The funeral was Thursday at the Simmons Funeral Home, Warren, Maine, with burial in Union Cemetery, Union, Maine.

## From the Editor's Desk

by Pat Guevin



An ever growing number of citizens are coming forward to complain about the increase in the speed of the traffic through some of our more residential areas. Latest among them is a group of concerned citizens from the North Street Extension area who appeared before the Town Council at a "citizens speak time" to voice their concern for the safety of the children in the area. It seems that the street has become a shortcut, and that motorists travel the road at speeds far in excess of the limit. The group also stated their concern for an unmarked blind hill on the North West end of the road, and for the safety of a blind and deaf child who lives on the street, and for whom a sign is posted.

The problem, unfortunately, is not isolated in this one particular street. Stand on any residential thru street at any time of any day, and you are sure to witness motorists violating the speed limit-posted or not-and endangering the lives of the residents. The solution must lie in stricter enforcement of existing speed limits. Herein lies the problem: the Town of Agawam does not have the police manpower to effectively patrol our streets and stop this speeding menace. The police department must concern themselves with the greater job of protecting our lives and our property against the criminal element. An officer called to the scene of a crime, or accident, can not be expected to patrol our streets in search of traffic violations, while en route. The answer must lie in an increase in the number of men on our Police force. Agawam is growing at a great rate, while the number of men on our police force has not increased appreciably in the past few years. A long, hard look must be taken at the situation, and steps must be taken to alleviate the shortage we are facing in our police department.

## St. John's Business School Graduates

St. John's School of Business, 3 Upper Church Street, West Springfield, will hold its semi-annual Commencement Exercises at 7:30 P.M., Friday, June 30, in the school auditorium. St. John's is a private, non-sectarian educational institution located in the former YMCA building in West Springfield. It offers individualized programs in Key Punch, Accounting, Data Processing, and the Secretarial Sciences. Operating on a year-round basis, St. John's offers courses varying from eight to thirty-two weeks.

Receiving diplomas for courses completed are the following students: West Springfield: Maureen Aubrey (Key Punch) and Arlene B. Perreault (Medical Stenographer). Agawam: Mary Ellen

Montagna (Junior Stenographer) and Shirley L. Ranco (Key Punch). Longmeadow: Sonia Lally (Key Punch). Suffield, Connecticut: Susan Jean Wynzen (Receptionist).

Receiving certificates for specialized courses in typewriting or stenography are the following students: West Springfield: Shirley N. Gilbert and Ann S. Leclair. Agawam: Nancy A. Valliere. Longmeadow: Lori F. Gregori. Three Rivers: Shirley Romanski.

The Commencement Address will be given by Dr. William Lauroesch, Professor of Education, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Greetings and presentations will be made by Mr. Kenneth C. Ballard, Director of St. John's, and Dr. Marjorie F. Costello, Supervisor of Instruction.

## Albano Receives Leave Of Absence

Michael J. Albano, Democratic candidate for the State Senate from the 2nd Hampden-Hampshire District today announced he has requested and received a leave of absence from the District Court of Western Hampden (Westfield) where he serves as a Probation Officer. The leave is effective June 12th.

Albano, a four year Court

official indicated he was taking the leave at this time to devote his full effort to his campaign for the Senate and to eliminate any potential for a conflict of interest. "The type of campaign we are running is extremely personal and it is my intent to have the people of this District know Mike Albano as well as he knows them."

The Democratic Primary is on September 19th.

## Conservation Commission

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet the 2nd & 4th Thur-

sdays in the Meeting Room in the Agawam Town Hall.

## Great Books Discussion

The Agawam Public Library is conducting a Great Books Discussion group on every other Thursday night at the Agawam Center Library. The group meets at 7:30 p.m. and lasts about 2 hours. The material to be read and discussed is available at the

Center Library. There are a few openings in the group and anyone interested should contact the Library. The next meeting will be June 15th and the story to be discussed is "The Temptation of Jack Orkney" by Doris Lessing.

## Collins

## Graduates

Joseph B. Collins of 114 Elm St., Agawam was awarded the degree of Juris Doctor at the June 11 commencement exercises of Suffolk University Law School held at the John B. Hynes Veterans' Auditorium, Prudential Center, Boston.

Thomas A. Fulham, president of Suffolk University, conferred degrees on approximately 500 graduates from the law school.

Collins is a 1970 graduate of Agawam High School and received his bachelor of arts degree from Boston College in 1975. At Suffolk he was a member of the Law Review, the National Moot Court Team and was the 1977 winner of the Justice Tom C. Clark Moot Court Competition. Collins is the son of Mrs. Mary O. Collins of the above address and the late Mr. James B. Collins and is married to the former Denise C. Banville of Chicopee.

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sanitation and safety procedures with pool owners.

The Back Yard Pool program is offered for 4 two week sessions beginning July 3rd. For more information, contact the YMCA today, 739-6951, EXT. 252.

## Policemen's Ball Slated

The Agawam Police Department will hold its thirty fifth annual Policemen's Ball on June 23, 1978 at Chez Josef, Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. Cocktails will be served from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., with dinner being served at 7:30 and dancing to the music of "Summer Breeze" from 9 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. The affair will be semi-formal.

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## School Lunch Menus

### AGAWAM SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

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**Tuesday June 20** Chilled lemonade, hamburger in roll with ketchup, stemmed rice, buttered mixed vegetables, cherry jello with whip topping, milk.

**Wednesday June 21** Chilled orange juice, turkey salad sandwich in roll, buttered green beans, ice cream sandwich, milk.

**Thursday June 22** Chilled lemonade, cold cut grinder in roll with lettuce and cheese, mustard and mayonnaise, buttered niblet corn, apple sauce, milk.

**Friday June 23** ½ day of school, no lunches served.

### Agawam Senior Center

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6/19: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, beet salad, blueberry tarts

6/20: Sheppard pie, lettuce, jello

6/21: Polish surprise dinner!

6/22: Maccaroni w/cheese, grilled wieners, stewed tomatoes, fresh fruit

6/23: Baked fish, potato salad, broccoli, bavarian cream

6/26: Pepper steaks, shredded potatoes, zucchini cookies

6/27: Swedish meat balls, rice, spinach, pudding

6/28: Ham, french fried, fresh cabbage, plums

6/29: Quiche lorraine, green peas icecream

6/30: Creamed tuna on rice, sweetsour bean salad, applecrisp

We would like to thank the Middle School string ensemble for sharing a fine concert with us. A hearty thanks to Dorothy Hegarty for having her group of young artists perform here at the Center.

Mrs. Files 5th graders from the Robinson Park school gave us delightful entertainment the next Wednesday. What a promising young group that is almost professional! We like nothing more than seeing and hearing the young generation perform here at the Center—we feel related to all of them!!!

This week we will start selling the tickets to the baseball game August 10th. Price for ticket and bus is \$8.-. We have 82 tickets - don't wait until August 9th!

The Mountain Farm Mall in Hadley will have their "Senior Awareness Day" July 12 with craft and health clinics in the morning, a free lunch at noon and entertainment in the afternoon. For \$1.10 you can get on the bus with us and enjoy a fine fun day. Please sign up!

Just a few lonely seats left for Hampden beach June 27, Tuesday. We leave at 8:30 am and your ticket is \$3.55.

June 25, Sunday, we will have our "First Anniversary" party - it will be one year since we moved into the new Center. There will be a surprise dinner and professional entertainment afterwards, a real fun afternoon. Please get your tickets at the Center (Price \$2.50), no tickets will be sold at the door. We can accomodate only 200, since the entertaining group needs the other space. So don't wait too long!

### AAA Tag Sale

The AAA has about 33 perfectly good basketball, baseball and softball shirts. They are from sponsors who have gone bankrupt, business and individuals who did not responsor for one reason or another. The Agawam Athletic Association is going to have a tag sale in Food Mart parking lot on June 25, 1978. Don't miss the sale, the kids will love to pick up some of the shirts that they have played in, both boys and girls. Spread the news to your neighbors and friends that the value of the merchandise will be well worth the price and the trip to Food Mart parking lot. Tell your friends and neighbors not to miss out on a good thing.

## Cub Scout Day Camp

Cub Scouts in the Pioneer Valley Council, like their older brothers, will be going to camp this summer.

Malcolm Ingison, Council Program Director, said that more than 300 Cub Scouts are expected to participate in Cub Scout Day Camp programs, under the direction of Mrs. Kate Parker, camp director.

The day camps will be held at the Oregon Sportsman Club in Chicopee and Westfield High School grounds on July 11 - 20; Pulaski Park in Holyoke and Duggan Jr. High School grounds on July 25 to August 3; and at Robinson State Park in Agawam and Burleigh Park in Palmer on August 8 to 17.

The program features swimming, archery, nature study, crafts, indian lore, rocket and kite flying. Assisting Mrs. Parker is a staff of qualified adults to ensure safety and quality program.

"This is the sixth year that the Pioneer Valley Council has sponsored a Cub Scout day camp program," Ingison said. "Each year it has grown in popularity among our Cub Scouts. The number we expect in camp this year is a significant increase over last year."

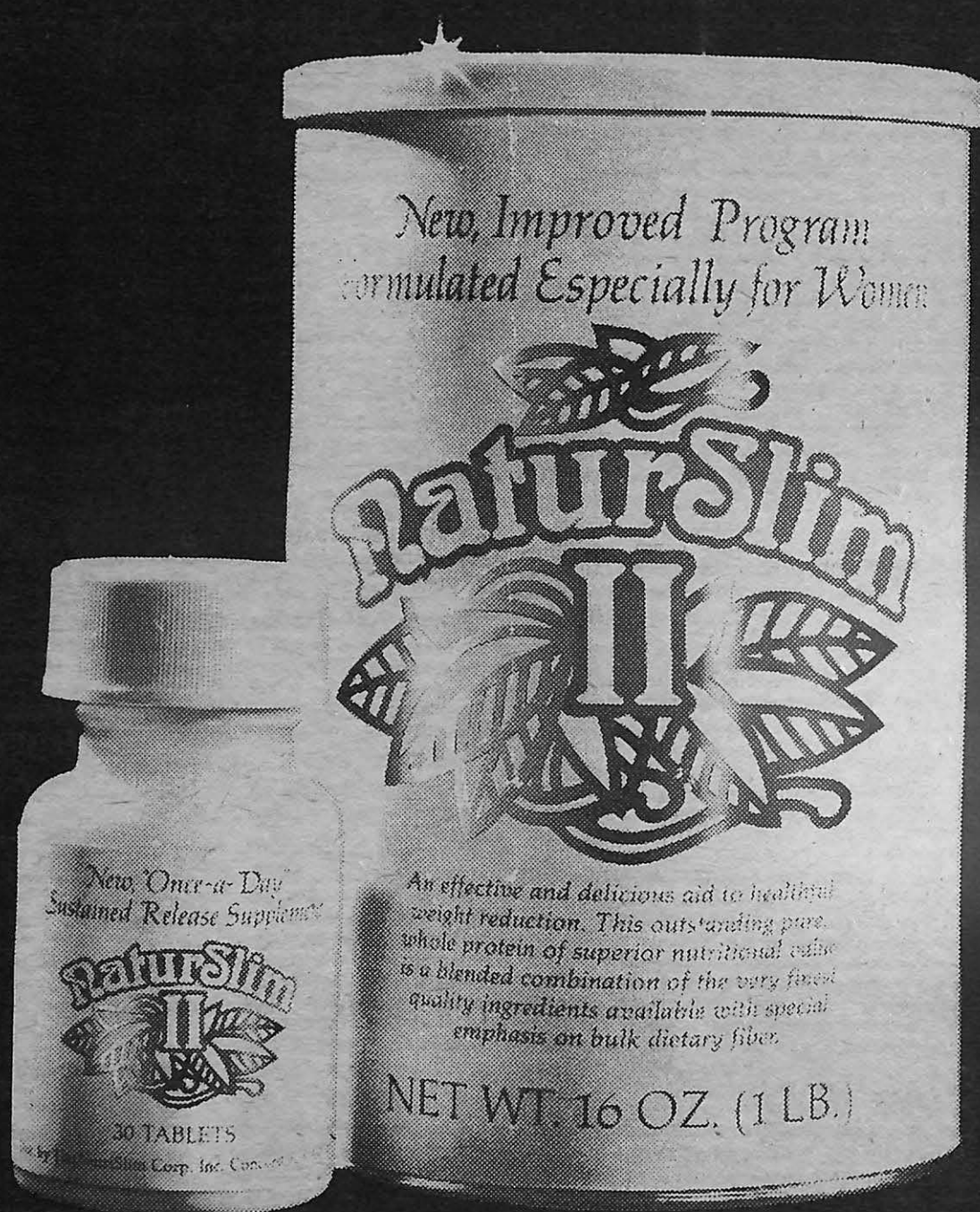
Ingison said more information can be obtained from the Council Service Center, 1639 Riverdale Rd., West Springfield, Mass. 737-0204.

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## AGAWAM CHARTER COMMISSION INTRODUCTION TO PRELIMINARY REPORT

We were elected on November 8, 1977 as members of the second Agawam Charter Commission to be formed. Our basic purpose has been to review the present charter, in force since 1971, and to propose such changes as experience and citizen feeling have made desirable. To this end we have met on a regular and frequent basis, often twice weekly, have conducted a public hearing to secure citizen views, have interviewed numerous town officials, former officials, and interested citizens, and have worked regularly on the drafting of a new charter proposal.

At about midpoint in our work, we decided, by a majority vote, to offer the voters of Agawam a choice of the form of government they might wish to have. Accordingly, this Preliminary Report incorporates two charter proposals. The first is a revised council-manager charter, developed directly from an intensive study of the present charter and reflecting changes and improvements warranted after seven years of experience; while the second, also developed from reference to the present charter, is a mayor-council charter proposing an elected chief executive, some additional elected officials, and other changes. The following are the chief features of each charter.

### Council-Manager Charter

The major features of the council-manager charter are as follows:

1. Under this charter, the town of Agawam will continue to be treated administratively by the state as a city, and all general laws applicable to cities will govern the operations and procedures of the town as they have during the past seven years.
2. The council will be reduced from fifteen to nine in membership, and each councillor will be elected at large. Precinct representation on the council will be eliminated in favor of town-wide representation which public sentiment has advised us is best.
3. The school committee will remain as the only other elected body, with a membership of seven elected at large.
4. All elective terms of office will be for two years.
5. The town manager must be appointed by at least a two-thirds vote of the full council, rather than a majority as is now the case. The manager will also be subject to an annual performance review.
6. Provision is made for an independent audit on a regular basis.
7. The new charter language is plain, clear, and readable.

### Mayor-Council Charter

The major features of the mayor-council charter are as follows:

1. Under this charter, the town of Agawam will also continue to be treated administratively by the state as a city, and the same city general laws will apply.
2. The mayor will be the chief executive and administrative officer of the government and will replace the manager.
3. The council will be reduced from fifteen to nine members, as it will be in the council-manager charter, with all councillors elected at large.
4. In addition to the school committee, which will remain at seven members elected at large, other elective officials will be four members of a five member board of health, with the physician member appointed by the mayor; and four members of a five member housing authority, with the fifth member appointed by the governor.
5. All elective terms of office will be for two years.
6. The mayor will have the power of veto over council enactments, with some exceptions.
7. Provision is made for an independent audit on a regular basis.
8. The new charter language is plain, clear, and readable.

### Public Hearing to be Conducted

During the past several months since our election, we have sought to obtain and to incorporate citizen suggestions in this Preliminary Report and in these two proposed charters. Many citizens, officials, and groups have given generously of their advice and suggestions, to the extent that we feel the proposals in this report truly reflect the mood of the citizens at large. Yet this Preliminary Report before you is only a draft proposal, and our Final Report will not be submitted until after Labor Day. In the meantime, further opportunities for comment and advice will be available to all who attend the public hearing on these charter proposals on June 28, 1978, at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Junior High School. As members of your charter commission, we urge all citizens to read these charter proposals carefully, to attend the public hearing, and to make their views known.

Following the public hearing, we shall prepare a final version of these charters, after reflecting upon the public sentiment expressed in reaction to this Preliminary Report. We hope that during the summer many citizens will contact us directly, as individuals or as a commission, with their advice and suggestions for the preparation of our Final Report.

The final proposed charters must be prepared and submitted as a Final Report by September 8, 1978, after which they cannot be changed before being voted upon at the regular biennial town election in November 1979.

Andrew C. Gallano, Chairman

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## TOWN OF AGAWAM, MASSACHUSETTS HOME RULE CHARTER Council/Manager

### PREAMBLE

We, the people of Agawam, Massachusetts, in order to form a more perfect community, reaffirm the customary and traditional liberties of the people with respect to the conduct of our local government, and take maximum advantage of the home rule amendment to the constitution of the commonwealth, do ordain and adopt this home rule charter.

## ARTICLE ONE INCORPORATION AND POWERS

### Section 1 Incorporation

1-1-1 The people of Agawam, within its corporate limits as established by law, shall continue to be a body corporate and politic with perpetual succession under the name: Town of Agawam.

### Section 2 Form of Government and Title

1-2-1 This charter provides for a council-manager form of government, and it shall be known by the title: Agawam Home Rule Charter.

### Section 3 Scope and Interpretation of Powers

1-3-1 Agawam shall possess, exercise, and enjoy all general local government powers, rights, and privileges under the constitution and laws of Massachusetts as completely and fully as though they were expressly enumerated herein. They shall be construed liberally in its favor, and no specific charter grant of particular powers is intended to limit them in any way.

1-3-2 Under this charter Agawam will be treated administratively by the state as a city, and unless otherwise provided by special act or general law applying to communities with a town council charter, those general laws governing city powers, duties, and procedures will apply to Agawam.

### Section 4 Intergovernmental Cooperation

1-4-1 In the exercise of its powers and functions, Agawam may enter into intergovernmental agreements with other units and agencies of any level of government, by any appropriate means.

## ARTICLE TWO THE COUNCIL

### Section 1 Composition and Terms of Office

2-1-1 The legislative body shall be a council whose members shall be elected to meet, deliberate, act, and vote in exercise of the corporate powers of the Agawam government.

2-1-2 The council shall be composed of nine members, to be known as councillors, who shall be nominated and elected from at large for two year terms of office. Such terms shall commence on the last secular day in November following each regular biennial election. The council shall be the judge of the election and qualification of its members.

### Section 2 Eligibility

2-2-1 Any registered voter shall be eligible for nomination and election to council membership.

### Section 3 Prohibitions

2-3-1 No member of the council shall hold any other office or position, the salary or compensation for which is payable from the town treasury. No former councillor shall hold any compensated, appointive office or employment in the Agawam government for at least one year following the expiration of membership on the council.

### Section 4 Compensation

2-4-1 The council may establish by ordinance an annual salary for councillors, but no ordinance establishing or increasing such salary shall: (a) be adopted within six months prior to a regular biennial election, or (b) become effective during the same two year council term in which it was adopted.

### Section 5 President and Vice-President

2-5-1 After newly elected councillors have taken office, the council shall be convened by the eldest member in age who shall preside. The council shall then appoint from its membership a president and vice-president to serve at the pleasure of the council but not exceeding one year. They shall, however, be eligible to succeed themselves in office.

2-5-2 The president shall preside at council meetings and shall perform such other duties as provided by this charter, ordinance, or council vote. The vice-president shall act as president during the absence or disability of the latter.

### Section 6 General Powers and Duties

2-6-1 Except as otherwise may be provided by this charter, all general, corporate, legislative, and appropriations powers of the Agawam government shall be vested in the council.

2-6-2 The council may enact ordinances, rules, regulations, and orders governing: (a) its own proceedings, (b) government functions, (c) implementation of this charter, and (d) any matter relating to the exercise of its powers and duties.

### Section 7 Powers of Appointment

2-7-1 The council shall have the power to appoint the following officers and board members: (a) a manager as provided in article three; (b) a council president and vice-president, as provided in section 2-5-1; and (c) a clerk of the council, an accountant, and a board of appeals, all as provided below.

2-7-2 **Clerk of the Council.** Immediately following its organization, the council shall appoint a clerk of the council, from outside its membership, for a two year term of office. The clerk shall give notice of all council meetings to each councillor and to the public, maintain a journal of all council proceedings, and perform such other duties as may be assigned by this charter, ordinance, or vote of the council.

2-7-3 **Accountant.** Immediately following its organization, the council shall appoint an accountant for a two year term of office. The accountant shall: (a) be responsible for and maintain the accounts of the town; (b) regularly audit the books and accounts of the town; and (c) exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned by general law, this charter, or vote of the council.

2-7-4 **Board of Appeals.** A board of appeals of three members shall be appointed by the council for three year overlapping terms of office, with one member to be appointed in December of each year. Two alternate board members shall also be appointed by the council for three year terms which shall expire in different years.

The board shall hear appeals from actions of other boards and officials under the zoning ordinance, subdivision control regulations, the building code, and other land and building use rules and regulations. It shall also exercise such additional powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned by general law, this charter, or the zoning ordinance.

### Section 8 Powers of Inquiry and Investigation

2-8-1 Upon the request of at least three councillors, the council shall require, no vote being necessary, any officer or board or commission member to appear before it and provide such information relating to his office, function, and performance as it may deem necessary.

2-8-2 Any person required to appear shall be given at least forty-eight hours written notice by the council of the general nature and scope of the inquiry to be made.

2-8-3 The council may investigate the affairs or conduct of any department or agency and for this purpose may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and require the production of evidence.

### Section 9 Procedures

2-9-1 **Quorum.** A majority of the full council membership shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business. The affirmative vote of two-thirds of the full council membership shall be necessary for the passage of appropriations from unappropriated surplus revenue or appropriated reserve revenue. The affirmative vote of a majority of the full council membership shall, except as otherwise provided by general law or this charter, be necessary for the passage of all other actions.

2-9-2 **Council Meetings.** The council shall meet regularly at least once a month at a place and time established by ordinance. Special meetings may be held at any time if called by the president, or by at least three councillors, by written notice delivered at least forty-eight hours in advance to the residence or place of business of each councillor.

All council meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the open meeting provisions of general law.

All agenda items requiring action shall be voted upon by the council, and the results shall be duly recorded. A complete, accurate, and up-to-date journal of council proceedings shall be maintained and open to public inspection, as provided by section 9-6-2.

2-9-3 **Objection.** When any question properly before the council is under consideration, if any councillor objects to acting upon said question, debate shall cease, and action shall be postponed until the next regular or special meeting. If at least one additional councillor also objects, such postponement shall be until the next regular meeting, but for postponing the vote on an emergency question at least three councillors must object. In any case of objection to consideration of a proposed action, debate on the question shall continue at the next meeting.

Objection to voting procedure shall be used only once on any question bearing a single docket number, any amendments thereto notwithstanding.

### Section 10 Ordinances and Other Enactments

2-10-1 **General.** The council shall have the power to enact ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, and other votes, and to adopt resolutions, in the exercise of its legislative powers and duties.

2-10-2 **Ordinances.** Proposed ordinances shall: (a) deal with one subject only; and (b) be introduced in writing in the form necessary for final adoption.

An ordinance shall not be amended or repealed except: (a) by another ordinance; or (b) as provided under initiative and referendum procedures.

Except as otherwise provided by general law or this charter, no ordinance shall be finally adopted until it has received two affirmative majority votes of the full council membership, each taken at separately called meetings of the council. An emergency ordinance shall be adopted in compliance with the definitions and procedures set forth in section 2-10-4.

Except as otherwise provided by this charter, no ordinance shall become effective until the expiration of twenty days following its adoption except: (a) those which specify a later effective date; and (b) those not subject to referendum, which shall become effective upon final adoption.

2-10-3 **Other Enactments.** All enactments, including rules, regulations, orders, and other votes, except as otherwise provided by this charter, shall be finally adopted upon the affirmative majority vote of the full council membership.

All actions not subject to initiative or referendum procedures shall be finally adopted upon the affirmative majority vote of the full council membership at two separately called meetings of the council.

Except as otherwise provided by this charter, no enactment shall become effective until the expiration of twenty days following its adoption except: (a) those which specify a later effective date; and (b) those not subject to referendum, which shall become effective upon final adoption.

2-10-4 **Emergency Ordinances and Orders.** The council shall have the power to enact emergency ordinances and orders involving the health or safety of the people or their property.

An emergency ordinance or order shall: (a) be introduced in the same form and manner as for other ordinances or orders; (b) contain an emergency preamble defining the nature of the emergency, which shall be separately voted upon and which must receive the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the full council membership; (c) be subject to amendment or rejection upon introduction; (d) become effective upon adoption or on a specified later date; and (e) in the case of ordinances, be published in the same manner as prescribed for regular ordinances.

### Section 11 Administrative Delegation

2-11-1 The council shall have the power to designate one or more town agencies to act for the council in granting and issuing licenses and permits, provided that the council may: (a) monitor and regulate such activity, (b) reserve the right of license review, and (c) rescind any such administrative delegation without prejudice to any prior action taken.

2-11-2 The council shall, notwithstanding any such administrative delegation, maintain its responsibilities under general law for the granting and issuance of licenses and permits.

### Section 12 Vacancies

2-12-1 A vacancy in the office of councillor shall be declared by the town clerk following failure to elect, or notification of the death, resignation, or failure to qualify for residency, of any councillor.

2-12-2 If a vacancy occurs during the first fifteen months of any councillor's two-year term of office, the remaining members of the council shall: (a) call a special election for the sole purpose of filling the council vacancy, such election to be held at the discretion of the town clerk within forty-five to sixty days following declaration of the vacancy; and (b) forthwith appoint the unsuccessful candidate for councillor who received the greatest number of votes in the preceding regular council election. If such persons declines to serve, the council shall proceed through the list of unsuccessful candidates in descending order of votes received until



such vacancy is filled. The person appointed shall serve until the candidate chosen at the special election takes office.

2-12-3 If a vacancy occurs during the final nine months of any councillor's two year term of office, it shall be filled in the manner provided by section 2-12-2, except that no special election shall be called.

### ARTICLE THREE THE MANAGER

#### Section 1 Appointment and Qualifications

3-1-1 The council, by at least a two-thirds vote of its full membership, shall appoint a manager to serve at its pleasure. The council shall fix the manager's salary within limits of an appropriation made for that purpose.

3-1-2 The manager shall be especially qualified by education or training to fulfill the duties of the office and shall have previous experience in public or private administration.

3-1-3 The council may from time to time establish such additional qualifications as it may deem necessary and appropriate.

#### Section 2 Conditions of Appointment and Service

3-2-1 The manager: (a) shall not have served in an elective or appointive office, board, or commission of the Agawam government for at least one year prior to appointment; (b) shall devote full-time to the duties of the office; (c) shall engage in no other business or occupation and shall hold no other public or private office unless granted advance written approval by the council; and (d) if a non-resident upon appointment, shall take up residency in Agawam within twelve months.

3-2-2 Prior to adoption of the budget in each year, the council shall conduct, in such form and scope as it deems necessary, a review of the manager's performance in office, such review to form the basis of any council personnel decision respecting the incumbent manager.

3-2-3 The manager may resign from office by submitting a written notice of intent to the council at least sixty days in advance, provided that the council in its discretion may reduce or waive this requirement.

#### Section 3 Powers and Duties

3-3-1 The manager shall be the chief executive and administrative officer of the Agawam government and shall be responsible to the council for the effective administration of all town affairs placed in his jurisdiction by or under this charter.

3-3-2 The manager shall have the power to appoint: (a) on the basis of merit and fitness alone, and except as otherwise may be provided by this charter, collective bargaining agreements, or applicable civil service and tenure of office provisions, may suspend or remove, all officers and employees, except those under the jurisdiction of the school committee; and (b) members of any building and facilities committee established to oversee planning, construction, alterations, and other building activities authorized by the council.

3-3-3 The manager may submit administrative reorganization proposals to the council, as provided in article six.

3-3-4 The manager shall:

(a) supervise and direct the administration of all boards, commissions, offices, and departments except the council, school committee, school health personnel, accountant, board of appeals, and clerk of the council;

(b) fix the compensation of all officers and employees appointed by him within limits established by the personnel ordinance and appropriations made for that purpose;

(c) attend all meetings of the council unless excused and have the right to speak but not to vote;

(d) keep the council fully informed as to current and long-range needs and make such recommendations to the council as deemed necessary and appropriate;

(e) prepare, assemble, and submit to the council the proposed annual operating and capital budgets, as provided in article five;

(f) keep full and complete records of his office and annually submit to the council, unless requested to do so more frequently, a full report of all operations of his office, which shall be a public document;

(g) have jurisdiction over the rental and use of all town facilities, except those under the jurisdiction of the school committee;

(h) be responsible for the maintenance and repair of all town buildings and property, including school buildings, except as provided in section 4-5-2;

(i) maintain and update annually an inventory of all town real and personal property;

(j) negotiate, approve, and execute contracts on any matter within his jurisdiction, copies of which shall be filed with the clerk of the council;

(k) act as central purchasing agent for all departments and activities, except those under the jurisdiction of the school committee and board of library trustees, unless so requested by either agency;

(l) insure that all applicable provisions of general law, this charter, ordinances, and votes of the council, as enforceable by him, are faithfully carried out; and

(m) perform such other duties as may be required by this charter, ordinance, or vote of the council.

#### Section 4 Removal

3-4-1 The council may remove the manager at any time as follows:

(a) By at least a majority vote of its full membership, the council shall adopt a preliminary resolution of removal, stating the reasons therefor. Adoption of said resolution shall serve to suspend the manager for a period of no more than fourteen days, during which time he may file with the clerk of the council a written request for a public hearing. If such a request is filed, the council shall conduct an open public hearing within fourteen days thereafter. The manager shall have the right to file written statements and other supporting documents with the clerk of the council provided that they are received at least forty-eight hours prior to the public hearing.

(b) Removal of the manager shall be by a final resolution of removal, adopted by at least a majority of the full council membership at an open council meeting held within seven days following such public hearing, if one has been requested. If no hearing has been requested, the final resolution of removal may be voted not earlier than ten days following the date of the preliminary resolution of removal. In either case, the effective date of the final resolution can be immediate and the salary of the manager shall continue until such effective date.

#### Section 5 Acting Manager

3-5-1 By letter filed with the council and town clerk, the manager shall designate a qualified administrative officer or employee to serve as acting manager during his temporary absence, not to exceed ten days. Upon the expiration of ten days, the council may appoint an administrative officer or employee of its own choice to serve as acting manager until the manager's return.

3-5-2 In the event of the manager's absence and inability for any reason to designate an acting manager, the council, after three successive days, shall make such designation.

#### Section 6 Vacancy

3-6-1 A vacancy in the office of manager shall be filled by the council: (a) through the immediate appointment of a qualified person as temporary manager. Such temporary appointment shall be for a period not to exceed three months but may be extended an additional three months by vote of the council; and (b) through the immediate initiation of recruitment procedures for a manager as provided by section one of this article.

3-6-2 A temporary manager appointed under section 3-6-1 shall have full powers of the office except that appointments made to boards, commissions, offices, or departments shall be temporary in nature, and both appointments and transfers of personnel shall be subject to council confirmation.

3-6-3 A temporary manager appointed under section 3-6-1 shall receive fully salary and benefit as provided by the council for the manager.

### ARTICLE FOUR THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

#### Section 1 Composition and Terms of Office

4-1-1 A school committee of seven members shall be nominated and elected from at large for two year terms of office. Said terms shall commence on the last secular day of November following each regular biennial election.

#### Section 2 Eligibility

4-2-1 Any registered voter shall be eligible for nomination and election to school committee membership.

#### Section 3 Prohibitions

4-3-1 No member of the school committee shall hold any other office or position, the salary or compensation for which is payable from the town treasury. No former school committee member shall hold any compensated, appointive office or employment in the Agawam government for at least one year following the expiration of membership on the committee.

#### Section 4 Chairman and Vice-Chairman

4-4-1 After newly elected school committee members have taken office, the school committee shall be convened by the eldest member in age who shall preside. The committee shall then appoint from its membership a chairman, a vice-chairman, and a secretary to serve at its

pleasure but not exceeding one year. They shall, however, be eligible to succeed themselves in office.

4-4-2 The chairman shall preside at committee meetings and shall perform such other duties as provided by this charter, or committee vote. The vice-chairman shall act as chairman during the absence or disability of the latter.

#### Section 5 General Powers and Duties

4-5-1 The school committee shall possess all powers and duties granted under the constitution and general laws, and it may possess such additional powers and duties as may from time to time by ordinance be established by the council.

4-5-2 The committee shall: (a) have general charge of the public schools except as provided in section 3-3-4 (h); (b) appoint a superintendent of schools and all other officers and employees of the school system except maintenance personnel; (c) fix their compensation, define their duties and responsibilities, and establish rules and regulations concerning their appointment, renewal, and tenure of office; (d) equip and furnish all school buildings; and (e) establish such rules, regulations, and orders as may be necessary for the conduct of its business and the governance of the school system.

#### Section 6 School Building Sites and Construction

4-6-1 Acquisition of any school building site shall require prior approval of the school committee.

4-6-2 All plans and the initiation of any work on the construction or alteration of any school building shall require prior approval of the school committee and the manager.

4-6-3 Following initiation of work under section 4-6-2 above, the manager shall furnish the school committee with prior written notification, except in the case of ordinary repairs, of any alterations in plans or changes in construction.

#### Section 7 Vacancies

4-7-1 A vacancy in the office of school committee member shall be declared by the town clerk following failure to elect, or notification of the death, resignation, or failure to qualify for residency, of any committee member.

4-7-2 If a vacancy occurs during the first fifteen months of any school committee member's two year term of office, the town clerk shall call a special election for the sole purpose of filling the committee vacancy, such election to be held at the discretion of the clerk within forty-five to sixty days following declaration of the vacancy. The remaining members of the committee shall at the same time appoint the unsuccessful candidate for school committee who received the greatest number of votes in the preceding regular committee election. If such person declines to serve, the committee shall proceed through the list of unsuccessful candidates in descending order of votes received until such vacancy is filled. The person appointed shall serve until the candidate chosen at the special election for the sole purpose of filling the committee vacancy, such election to be held at the discretion of the clerk within forty-five to sixty days following declaration of the vacancy. The remaining members of the committee shall at the same time appoint the unsuccessful candidate for school committee who received the greatest number of votes in the preceding regular committee election. If such person declines to serve, the committee shall proceed through the list of unsuccessful candidates in descending order of votes received until such vacancy is filled. The person appointed shall serve until the candidate chosen at the special election takes office.

4-7-3 If a vacancy occurs during the final nine months of any committee member's two year term of office, it shall be filled in the manner provided by section 4-7-2, except that no special election shall be called.

### ARTICLE FIVE

#### FINANCIAL PROVISIONS AND PROCEDURES

##### Section 1 The Annual Budget

5-1-1 **Submission of Proposed Budget and Message.** Within the period provided by general law, the manager shall submit to the council a proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal year, with an accompanying budget message and supporting documents.

5-1-2 **Budget Message.** The budget message shall explain the budget for all agencies in both fiscal and programmatic terms. It shall: (a) outline proposed financial policies for the ensuing fiscal year; (b) describe important features of the budget; (c) indicate any major variations from the current year in financial policies, expenditures, and revenues, including the reasons for such variations; (d) summarize the town's debt position; and (e) include such other materials as the manager may deem desirable or the council may require.

5-1-3 **Proposed Budget.** The proposed budget shall provide a complete financial plan for all funds and activities, including the proposed school committee budget for the ensuing year. Except for the school budget, or as may be required by general law, it shall be in such form as the manager deems desirable or the council may require.

In submitting the proposed budget, the manager shall utilize modern fiscal principles so as to afford maximum information and control. The budget shall detail all estimated revenue from the property tax levy and other sources, and all proposed expenditures, including debt service for the previous, current, and ensuing years and shall indicate separately: (a) proposed expenditures for both current operations and capital projects during the ensuing year, detailed by agency, purpose, and position, together with proposed financing methods; and (b) estimated surplus revenue and free cash available at the close of the fiscal year, including estimated balances in special accounts.

5-1-4 **Hearing on the Proposed Budget.** The council shall conduct at least one public hearing on the proposed budget, and it shall publish, in a newspaper of general circulation in Agawam, a general summary of the budget and a notice stating: (a) the times and places where copies of the proposed budget shall be available for inspection; and (b) the date, time, and place, not less than fourteen days following such publication, when the public hearing on the proposed budget shall be conducted by the council.

5-1-5 **Budget Adoption.** The council shall adopt the proposed budget, with or without amendments, within forty-five days following its receipt from the manager. It may delete or decrease any amount or program except expenditures required by law or for debt service, but except on recommendation by the manager, it may not increase any amount in, or the total of, the proposed budget. Adoption of the budget shall constitute appropriation of the amounts specified therein.

Should the council fail to take action on the proposed budget or any item therein within the required forty-five day period, such amounts shall automatically be appropriated for the ensuing year and shall be available for the purposes specified.

##### Section 2 Capital Improvements Program

5-2-1 **Submission of Program.** At least thirty days prior to the final date for submission of the operating budget, the manager shall submit to the council a five year capital improvements program which shall include: (a) a clear summary of its contents; (b) a list of all capital improvements proposed to be undertaken during the next five fiscal years, together with supporting data; (c) cost estimates, methods of financing, and recommended time schedules; and (d) the estimated annual cost of operating and maintaining any facility to be constructed or acquired.

Information requirements described above may be revised and extended annually with respect to capital improvements in the process of construction or acquisition. A capital improvement shall be defined by the manager in consultation with other officials, such definition to be changed from time to time as necessary to reflect current economic conditions.

5-2-2 **Hearing on the Program.** The council shall conduct at least one public hearing on the capital improvements program, and it shall publish, in a newspaper of general circulation in Agawam, a general summary of the program and a notice stating: (a) the times and places where copies of the program shall be available for inspection; and (b) the date, time, and place, not less than fourteen days following such publication, when the public hearing on the program shall be conducted by the council.

5-2-3 **Program Adoption.** The council shall adopt the capital improvements program by resolution, with or without amendments, within ten days prior to the close of the current fiscal year, provided, however, that each amendment shall be separately voted, and provided further that any program cost increases attributable to amendments shall identify the necessary financing methods.

##### Section 3 Emergency Appropriations

5-3-1 The council shall have the power to enact emergency appropriations orders to meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property, or the public peace. Any such order shall be enacted in accordance with the provisions of section 2-10-4.

##### Section 4 Independent Audit

5-4-1 The council shall cause an independent audit of all books and records of the town to be performed in the following instances: (a) whenever the commonwealth fails, in any three year period, to provide for such audit; or (b) whenever, in its discretion, it deems an audit to be necessary. Any such audit shall be performed by a certified public accountant, or firm of such accountants, having no personal interest, direct or indirect, in the affairs of the town.

### ARTICLE SIX

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION

##### Section 1 Reorganization by the Council

6-1-1 Except as may be prohibited by general law or this charter, the council may by ordinance: (a) reorganize, consolidate, or abolish, in whole or in part, any agency of the Agawam government except the school department; (b) establish new agencies; and (c) prescribe the functions of any agency; provided, however, that directors or heads of all



agencies under the supervision of the manager shall be appointed by him.

## Section 2 Reorganization Proposals by the Manager

6-2-1 Except as may be prohibited by general law or this charter, the manager may, as he deems necessary or expedient, propose to the council: (a) the reorganization, consolidation, or abolition, in whole or in part, any agency of the Agawam government except the school department; (b) the establishment of new agencies; and (c) the change in function of any agency. Any such reorganization proposal shall be in ordinance form and shall be accompanied by an explanatory message.

6-2-2 Upon receipt by the clerk of the council, any reorganization proposal submitted by the manager shall be referred to an appropriate council committee which shall: (a) within thirty days thereafter, conduct a public hearing on such proposal; and (b) within ten days following such hearing, recommend to the council approval or disapproval of the proposal.

6-2-3 Within forty-five days following such recommendation, the council shall vote on the proposal, which, if finally adopted, shall become effective on the date fixed in the ordinance of establishment.

6-2-4 Any reorganization plan submitted by the manager under this section shall not be subject to objection as provided by section 2-9-3.

## Section 3 Publication

6-3-1 All reorganization plans adopted under this article shall be filed with the town clerk, and copies shall be incorporated as an appendix to the published ordinances.

## ARTICLE SEVEN NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

### Section 1 Regular Biennial and Preliminary Elections

7-1-1 **Regular Election.** The regular biennial election for council and school committee members shall be by official ballot and shall be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November in each odd numbered year.

7-1-2 **Preliminary Election.** A preliminary election shall be by official ballot and shall be held, as necessary, on the fourth Tuesday preceding each regular biennial election, for the purpose of nominating candidates for council and school committee.

7-1-3 **Ballot Order.** The order of candidate names on the official ballot for any regular, special, or preliminary election shall be determined by a lottery conducted by the town clerk in the presence of such candidates or their designated representatives.

7-1-4 **Precincts.** Agawam shall be divided from time to time into as many precincts as required by general law, such precincts to be compact, contiguous, and substantially equal in population.

### Section 2 Preliminary Election

7-2-1 **Nomination Papers.** Each candidate for nomination as councillor or school committee member at any preliminary or special election shall submit nomination papers signed by at least one hundred registered voters of Agawam. Such papers shall not be valid for any candidate whose written acceptance is not attached thereto when filed.

7-2-2 **Ballot Information.** Each nomination paper and each official ballot prepared for use in a preliminary or special election may state in not more than eight words the elective or appointive public offices, past and present, held by each candidate and the name of the political party in which each is enrolled.

7-2-3 **Nominations.** The several candidates for nomination at a preliminary election equal in number to twice as many council and school committee seats, respectively, as there are to be filled, and receiving the greatest number of votes, shall be declared nominated, and their names shall be printed on the official ballot to be used at the regular biennial election.

Should the preliminary election result in a tie vote among unsuccessful candidates, one of whom otherwise would be nominated, all such candidates shall be declared nominated, and their names shall be placed on the official ballot for the regular election.

7-2-4 **Conditions Rendering Preliminary Election Unnecessary.** If not more than twice as many candidates file nomination papers for the preliminary election as there are council or school committee seats to be filled, respectively, the town clerk shall declare that: (a) such candidates are nominated; and (b) no preliminary election for that office shall be held.

### Section 3 Regular Election

7-3-1 **Ballot Information.** Each official ballot prepared for use in the regular biennial election shall contain, next to the name of each candidate: (a) the statement provided for in section 7-2-2; and (b) the phrase "Candidate for Reelection", as applicable.

### Section 4 Applicability of General Law

7-4-1 Except as otherwise provided by this charter, the provisions of general law shall apply with respect to: (a) qualifications for voting; (b) registration of voters; (c) filing of nomination papers; (d) nomination and election of candidates; (e) the conduct of preliminary, regular, and special elections; (f) the submission of charter amendments and other referendum questions; (g) the counting of votes; and (h) the declaration of results.

## ARTICLE EIGHT FREE PETITION, INITIATIVE, AND REFERENDUM

### Section 1 Free Petition

8-1-1 The registered voters of Agawam shall have the right to petition the council and school committee on any matter of citizen concern falling within the jurisdiction of each body.

8-1-2 Any such petition shall be: (a) signed by at least fifty registered voters; (b) addressed to either the council or school committee; and (c) filed with the respective clerk. Within forty-five days after such filing, the respective body shall conduct a public hearing, duly publicized in advance, on the subject matter of the petition, and within ninety days following such public hearing it shall vote on the merits of the petition.

8-1-3 Hearings on two or more petitions filed under this section may be conducted at the same time and place.

8-1-4 The clerk of the respective body receiving any petition shall mail notice of the required public hearing to the first ten listed petitioners.

### Section 2 Initiative

8-2-1 The registered voters of Agawam shall have the right to initiate legislation and other policy proposals, except those excluded under section 8-4-1, by filing an initiative petition.

8-2-2 **Petition Requirements.** An initiative petition shall: (a) be addressed to the council or school committee; (b) request the passage of an ordinance, order, vote, or resolution on a specific matter of concern; (c) be filed with the town clerk; and (d) be signed by at least ten per cent of the total number of registered voters.

8-2-3 **Petition Certification.** If, within five days following receipt of an initiative petition the registrars of voters shall determine it to bear a sufficient number of signatures, the town clerk shall: (a) forward the certified petition to the council or school committee, as appropriate; (b) notify the petition sponsor of its certification; and (c) forward a copy of the petition to the town attorney.

8-2-4 **Attorney's Opinion.** Within fifteen days following receipt of the petition, the town attorney shall submit a written opinion to the town clerk as to its validity for adoption by the council or school committee. A copy of such opinion shall be forwarded by the clerk to the petition sponsor.

8-2-5 **Action on Petition.** Within twenty days following certification of the initiative petition, the council or school committee, as appropriate, shall: (a) adopt the initiative proposal without amendment, subject to the referendum provisions of this charter; or (b) call a special election for the sole purpose of placing the initiative proposal before the voters. Such election shall be held at the discretion of the council within thirty to forty-five days following petition certification, provided, however, that in the case of a petition to the school committee, the town clerk shall, at the committee's request, call such election and fix the date.

Should any regular or other special election be scheduled within four months following petition certification, the special election provided herein shall not be called, and the initiative proposal shall be submitted to the voters at such ensuing election. No initiative proposal submitted at any election shall be adopted unless at least twenty per cent of the total number of registered voters cast a ballot.

### Section 3 Referendum

8-3-1 The registered voters of Agawam shall have the right to protest and act upon decisions of the council and school committee, except those excluded under section 8-4-1, by filing a referendum petition.

8-3-2 **Petition Requirements.** A referendum petition shall: (a) be addressed to the council or school committee; (b) protest the passage of an ordinance, order, vote, or resolution on a specific matter subject to referendum; (c) be filed with the town clerk; and (d) be signed by at least ten per cent of the total number of registered voters.

8-3-3 **Petition Certification and Referral.** Procedures for certification of the referendum petition and referral to the town attorney shall be the same as those for an initiative petition under sections 8-2-3 and 8-2-4, respectively.

8-3-4 **Action on Petition.** Procedures for action on the referendum petition shall be the same as those for an initiative petition under section 8-2-5 except that the council or school committee, as appropriate, shall rescind its protested decision or proceed to the special election provided for therein. No referendum, however, shall await a regular or other special election.

### Section 4 Initiative and Referendum: Exempted Actions

8-4-1 The following actions shall not be subject to initiative or referendum procedures under this article: (a) an action relating to the organization or operations of the council or school committee; (b) an emergency ordinance enacted under this charter; (c) the council or school

committee budget in its entirety; (d) a tax anticipation loan order; (e) an appropriation for the payment of notes or bonds; (f) an appropriation for the implementation of a collective bargaining agreement; (g) a personnel action relating to a town officer or employee; (h) an action repealing or rescinding an enactment, in whole or in part, protested by referendum procedures; and (i) an action providing for the referral of a question to the voters.

## ARTICLE NINE GENERAL PROVISIONS

### Section 1 Charter Amendment

9-1-1 **General.** This charter may be replaced, revised, or amended in accordance with the provisions of article eighty-nine of the amendments to the constitution and chapter 43B of the general laws.

9-1-2 **Major Amendment.** Any amendment relating to the composition, mode of selection, or terms of office of the council or the manager may be proposed only by a charter commission elected in accordance with the provisions of general law.

9-1-3 **Minor Amendment.** Any amendment relating to any other charter matter may be proposed by a two-thirds vote of the council: (a) on its own initiative; or (b) on the written request of any councillor, the manager, or fifty registered voters.

9-1-4 **Referral to the Voters.** All proposed amendments to this charter shall be submitted to the voters of Agawam in accordance with the provisions of the constitution and general laws.

### Section 2 Specific Provisions to Prevail

9-2-1 To the extent that any specific provision of this charter shall conflict with any general provision thereof, the specific provision shall prevail.

### Section 3 Severability of Charter

9-3-1 The provisions of this charter are severable. If any provision of this charter is held invalid, the remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby. If the application of this charter or any of its provisions to any person or circumstance is held invalid, its application and provisions to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

### Section 4 General Meetings

9-4-1 Nothing in this charter shall be construed to prohibit the voters from time to time from calling general meetings: (a) at such place, date, and time as may be fixed by at least one hundred voters on a petition to the town clerk; and (b) for which at least five days notice is publicly posted.

### Section 5 Oath of Office and Certificate

9-5-1 Except as otherwise provided by general law, all persons elected or appointed to a town office shall take an oath or affirmation prior to entering upon their duties. The town clerk shall: (a) maintain a record of such oath or affirmation; and (b) issue to each officeholder a certificate of election or appointment, as appropriate.

### Section 6 Boards, Commissions, and Committees

9-6-1 **Organization and Meetings.** All boards, commissions, and committees of the Agawam government shall: (a) organize annually and elect a chairman and other necessary officers; (b) establish a schedule of regular meetings; and (c) conduct special meetings on the call of the chairman, of one-third of the members thereof by written notice delivered to the residence of each member at least forty-eight hours in advance, or on petition of at least one hundred voters filed with the town clerk.

All such meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the open meeting provisions of general law.

9-6-2 **Procedure.** All boards, commissions, and committees shall: (a) adopt rules of procedure and maintain a journal of proceedings, which shall be public records filed with the town clerk and the Agawam public library; (b) establish a majority quorum requirement for all meetings, provided that a lesser number may adjourn from time to time; (c) publicly post all meeting agendas at least forty-eight hours in advance; and (d) except on procedural matters and unless a vote is unanimous, take all votes by roll call with the yeas and nays recorded.

### Section 7 Suspensions and Removals

9-7-1 **General.** Except as otherwise may be provided by this charter, collective bargaining agreements, or applicable civil service and tenure provisions, appointing authorities under this charter may suspend or remove from office, for good cause, officers and employees under their jurisdiction. Good cause shall include, but shall not be limited to, incapacity other than temporary illness, inefficiency, insubordination, or conduct unbecoming the office.

9-7-2 **Suspension.** Suspension shall be ordered by the appointing authority only if deemed necessary to protect the best interests of the town and for no longer than fifteen days.

9-7-3 **Removal.** Removal proceedings shall be as follows: (a) a written notice of intent to remove, together with a statement of the cause or causes therefor, shall be delivered by registered mail to the residence of the person sought to be removed; (b) within five days following receipt of said written notice, the officer or employee may request a public hearing before the appointing authority to be held within fourteen days thereafter; (c) at any such hearing, the officer or employee may be represented by counsel, present evidence, call witnesses, and question any witness; (d) final action shall be taken by the appointing authority within ten days following the date of such public hearing, or if no hearing is requested, within fourteen days following delivery of the notice of intent to remove; and (e) any person removed from office under this section shall have the right of appeal to the courts.

9-7-4 **Expired Term.** Nothing in this section shall be construed to grant hearing rights to any person holding a fixed term appointment whose term has expired without reappointment.

### Section 8 Revision of Code

9-8-1 Commencing in the first year following the fully effective date of this charter and at least once in every ten year period thereafter, the council shall appoint a council committee which shall, within one year following its appointment: (a) review the code of ordinances; (b) prepare any necessary revisions and recodifications; and (c) propose them to the council for reenactment as a revised code.

9-8-2 The committee may, for assistance in its review, revision, and recodification, retain the town attorney, other counsel, or code specialists.

9-8-3 Upon reenactment, the revised code shall be published and made available to the public at a charge not to exceed a per copy cost. Annual supplements to the revised code, containing all enactments since its most recent publication, shall also be published.

### Section 9 Definitions

9-9-1 Words and terms listed below, as used in this charter, shall have the following meanings:

(a) **Day**—Secular days, not including Sundays or legal holidays, if seven or fewer days; every calendar day, if more than seven days.

(b) **Full Council**—The full, authorized council membership, any existent vacancies notwithstanding.

(c) **General Laws**—State laws which apply alike to all cities and towns, or all cities, or all towns, or a class of municipalities.

(d) **Majority Vote**—A majority of those present and voting, provided that a quorum exists.

(e) **Registered Voters**—Persons qualified to vote in Agawam elections. Any percentage requirement of registered voters shall be in reference to those registered at the preceding regular biennial election.

(f) **Town Agency**—Any board, commission, committee, council, division, bureau, department, or office of the Agawam government.

## ARTICLE TEN TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

### Section 1 Effective Date

10-1-1 This charter shall become fully effective on the first secular day in July in the year following its adoption, but it shall become partially effective at once to permit the following: (a) the scheduling of a special election on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in June in the year following its adoption, such election to be held for the sole purpose of electing a new council; and (b) the scheduling of a preliminary election on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in May in the year following its adoption, such election to be held for the sole purpose of nominating candidates for the new council.

10-1-2 All procedures for the nomination and election of councillors shall be in accordance with the applicable provisions of article seven.

### Section 2 Council Organization

10-2-1 Councillors elected at the special election shall take office on the first secular day in July, at which time the terms of the incumbent councillors shall expire. Within seven days after its members take office, the council shall be convened by the eldest member in age who shall preside, at which time the council shall: (a) organize by appointing a president, vice-president, and clerk; and (b) conduct such other business as may be deemed necessary for an orderly transition of government.

### Section 3 Continuation of Government

10-3-1 Appointed and elected town officials and board members holding office on the effective date of this charter shall continue to serve until reelected, reappointed, their successors have been qualified, or their duties have been transferred. No regular full-time or part-time officer or employee shall forfeit his pay grade or longevity as a result of the adoption of this charter.

### Section 4 Continuation of Ordinances

10-4-1 All special acts, ordinances, rules, regulations, resolutions, and council votes in force on the effective date of this charter, not inconsistent with its provisions, shall continue in force



until amended or repealed.

#### Section 5 Continuation of Contracts

10-5-1 All right, claims, actions, orders, contracts, and other proceedings entered into by or for the town prior to the effective date of this charter shall continue in full force and effect.

#### Section 6 Council Salaries

10-6-1 Each councillor shall receive a salary of \$1,800, and the council president shall receive an additional \$300, per annum. Such amounts shall continue until changed by ordinance under section 2-4-1.

## TOWN OF AGAWAM, MASSACHUSETTS

### HOME RULE CHARTER

#### MAYOR/COUNCIL

##### PREAMBLE

We, the people of Agawam, Massachusetts, in order to form a more perfect community, reaffirm the customary and traditional liberties of the people with respect to the conduct of our local government, and take maximum advantage of the home rule amendment to the constitution of the commonwealth, do ordain and adopt this home rule charter.

### ARTICLE ONE INCORPORATION AND POWERS

#### Section 1 Incorporation

1-1-1 The people of Agawam, within its corporate limits as established by law, shall continue to be a body corporate and politic with perpetual succession under the name: Town of Agawam.

#### Section 2 Form of Government and Title

1-2-1 This charter provides for a mayor-council form of government, and it shall be known by the title: Agawam Home Rule Charter.

#### Section 3 Scope and Interpretation of Powers

1-3-1 Agawam shall possess, exercise, and enjoy all general local government powers, rights, and privileges under the constitution and laws of Massachusetts as completely and fully as though they were expressly enumerated herein. They shall be construed liberally in its favor, and no specific charter grant of particular powers is intended to limit them in any way.

1-3-2 Under this charter, Agawam will be treated administratively by the state as a city, and, unless otherwise provided by special act or general law applying to communities with a town council charter, those general laws governing city powers, duties, and procedures will apply to Agawam.

#### Section 4 Intergovernmental Cooperation

1-4-1 In the exercise of its powers and functions, Agawam may enter into intergovernmental agreements with other units or agencies of any level of government, by any appropriate means.

### ARTICLE TWO THE COUNCIL

#### Section 1 Composition and Terms of Office

2-1-1 The legislative body shall be a council whose members shall be elected to meet, deliberate, act, and vote in exercise of the corporate powers of the Agawam government.

2-1-2 The council shall be composed of nine members, to be known as councillors, who shall be nominated and elected from at large for two year terms of office. Said terms shall commence on the last secular day in November following each regular biennial election. The council shall be the judge of the election and qualification of its members.

#### Section 2 Eligibility

2-2-1 Any registered voter shall be eligible for nomination and election to council membership.

#### Section 3 Prohibitions

2-3-1 No member of the council shall hold any other office or position; the salary or compensation for which is payable from the town treasury. No former councillor shall hold any compensated office or employment in the Agawam government, other than elective, for at least one year following the expiration of membership on the council.

#### Section 4 Compensation

2-4-1 The council may establish by ordinance an annual salary for councillors, but no ordinance establishing or increasing such salary shall: (a) be adopted within six months prior to a regular biennial election, or (b) become effective during the same two year term in which it was adopted.

#### Section 5 President and Vice-President

2-5-1 After newly elected councillors have taken office, the council shall be convened by the eldest member in age who shall preside. The council shall then appoint from its membership a president and vice-president to serve at the pleasure of the council but not exceeding one year. They shall, however, be eligible to succeed themselves in office.

2-5-2 The president shall preside at council meetings and shall perform such other duties as provided by this charter, ordinance, or council vote. The vice-president shall act as president during the absence or disability of the latter.

#### Section 6 General Powers and Duties

2-6-1 Except as otherwise may be provided by this charter, all general, corporate, legislative, and appropriation powers of the Agawam government shall be vested in the council.

2-6-2 The council may enact ordinances, rules, regulations, and orders governing: (a) its own proceedings, (b) government functions, (c) implementation of this charter, and (d) any matter relating to the exercise of its powers and duties.

#### Section 7 Powers of Appointment

2-7-1 The council shall have the power to appoint the following officers and board members: (a) a council president and vice-president, as provided in section 2-5-1; and (b) a clerk of the council, an accountant, and a board of appeals, all as provided below.

2-7-2 **Clerk of the Council.** Immediately following its organization, the council shall appoint a clerk from outside its membership for a two year term of office. The clerk shall give notice of all council meetings to each councillor, to the mayor, and to the public, maintain a journal of all council proceedings, and perform such other duties as may be assigned by this charter, ordinance, or vote of the council.

2-7-3 **Accountant.** Immediately following its organization, the council shall appoint an accountant for a two year term of office. The accountant shall: (a) be responsible for and maintain the accounts of the town, (b) regularly audit the books and accounts of the town, and (c) exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned by general law, this charter, or vote of the council.

2-7-4 **Board of Appeals.** A board of appeals of three members shall be appointed by the council for three year overlapping terms of office, with one member to be appointed in December of each year. Two alternate board members also shall be appointed by the council for three year terms which shall expire in different years.

The board shall hear appeals from actions of other boards and officials under the zoning ordinance, subdivision control regulations, the building code, and other land and building use rules and regulations. It shall also exercise such additional powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned by general law, this charter, or the zoning ordinance.

#### Section 8 Powers of Inquiry and Investigation

2-8-1 Upon the request of at least three councillors, the council shall require, no vote being necessary, any officer or board or commission member to appear before it and provide such information relating to his or her office, function, and performance as it may deem necessary.

2-8-2 Any person required to appear shall be given at least forty-eight hours written notice by the council of the general nature and scope of the inquiry to be made.

2-8-3 The council may investigate the affairs or conduct of any department or agency and for this purpose may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and require the production of evidence.

#### Section 9 Procedures

2-9-1 **Quorum.** A majority of the full council membership shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business. The affirmative vote of two-thirds of the full council membership shall be necessary for the passage of appropriations from unappropriated surplus revenue or appropriated reserve revenue. The affirmative vote of a majority of the full council membership shall, except as otherwise provided by general law or this charter, be necessary for the passage of all other actions.

2-9-2 **Council Meetings.** The council shall meet regularly at least once a month at a place and time established by ordinance. Special meetings may be held at any time if called by the president, or by at least three councillors, by written notice delivered at least forty-eight hours in advance to the residence or place of business of each councillor.

All council meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the open meeting provisions of general law.

All agenda items requiring action shall be voted upon by the council, and the results shall be duly recorded. A complete, accurate and up-to-date journal of council proceedings shall be maintained and open to public inspection, as provided by section 9-6-2.

2-9-3 **Objection.** When any question properly before the council is under consideration, if any councillor objects to acting upon said question, debate shall cease, and action shall be postponed until the next regular or special meeting. If at least one additional councillor also objects, such postponement shall be until the next regular meeting, but for postponing the consideration of an emergency question, at least three councillors must object. In any case of objection to consideration of a proposed action, debate on the question shall continue at the next meeting.

Objection to voting procedure shall be used only once on any question bearing a single docket number, any amendments thereto notwithstanding.

#### Section 10 Ordinances and Other Enactments

2-10-1 **General.** The council shall have the power to enact ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, and other votes, and to adopt resolutions, in the exercise of its legislative powers and duties.

2-10-2 **Ordinances.** Proposed ordinances shall: (a) deal with one subject only; and (b) be introduced in writing in the form necessary for final adoption.

An ordinance shall not be amended or repealed except: (a) by another ordinance; or (b) as provided under initiative and referendum procedures.

Except as otherwise provided by general law or this charter, no ordinance shall be finally adopted until it has received at least two affirmative majority votes of the full council membership, each taken at separately called meetings of the council. An emergency ordinance shall be adopted in compliance with the definitions and procedures set forth in section 2-10-4.

Except as otherwise provided by this charter, no ordinance shall become effective until the expiration of twenty days following its adoption except: (a) those which specify a later effective date; and (b) those not subject to referendum, which shall become effective upon final adoption.

2-10-3 **Other Enactments.** All enactments, including rules, regulations, orders, and other votes, except as otherwise provided by this charter, shall be finally adopted upon the affirmative majority vote of the full council membership.

All actions not subject to initiative or referendum procedures shall be finally adopted upon the affirmative majority vote of the full council membership at two separately called meetings of the council.

Except as otherwise provided by this charter, no enactment shall become effective until the expiration of twenty days following its adoption except: (a) emergency actions which shall be defined, adopted, and would take effect according to section 2-10-4; (b) those which specify a later effective date; and (c) those not subject to referendum, which shall become effective upon adoption.

2-10-4 **Emergency Ordinances and Orders.** The council shall have the power to enact emergency ordinances and orders involving the health or safety of the people or their property.

An emergency ordinance or order shall: (a) be introduced in the same form and manner as for other ordinances and orders; (b) contain an emergency preamble defining the nature of the emergency, which shall be separately voted on and which must receive the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the full council membership; (c) be subject to amendment or rejection upon introduction; (d) become effective upon adoption or on a specified later date; and (e) in the case of ordinances, be published in the same manner as prescribed for regular ordinances.

#### Section 11 Administrative Delegation

2-11-1 The council shall have the power to designate one or more town agencies to act for the council in granting and issuing licenses and permits, provided that the council may: (a) monitor and regulate such activity, (b) reserve the right of license review, and (c) rescind any such administrative delegation without prejudice to any prior action taken.

2-11-2 The council shall, notwithstanding any such administrative delegation, maintain its responsibilities under general law for the granting and issuance of licenses and permits.

#### Section 12 Vacancies

2-12-1 A vacancy in the office of councillor shall be declared by the town clerk following failure to elect, or notification of the death, resignation, or failure to qualify for residency, of any councillor.

2-12-2 If a vacancy occurs during the first fifteen months of any councillor's two year term of office, the remaining members of the council shall: (a) call a special election for the sole purpose of filling the council vacancy, such election to be held at the discretion of the town clerk within forty-five to sixty days following declaration of vacancy; and (b) forthwith appoint the unsuccessful candidate for councillor who received the greatest number of votes in the preceding regular council election. If such person declines to serve, the council shall proceed through the list of unsuccessful candidates in descending order of votes received until such vacancy is filled. The person appointed to serve until the candidate chosen at the special election takes office.

2-12-3 If a vacancy occurs during the final nine months of any councillor's two year term of office, it shall be filled in the manner provided by section 2-12-2, except that no special election shall be called.

### ARTICLE THREE THE MAYOR

#### Section 1 Election, Term, Qualifications

3-1-1 The mayor shall be elected by the qualified voters of Agawam for a term of two years, and shall serve as mayor until his successor is elected and qualified. The term of the mayor shall commence on the last secular day of November following each regular biennial election.

3-1-2 The mayor shall be a legal resident and registered voter of Agawam.

#### Section 2 Compensation

3-2-1 The mayor shall receive an annual salary established by ordinance, but no ordinance establishing or increasing such salary shall: (a) be adopted within six months prior to a regular biennial election, or (b) become effective during the same two year term in which it was adopted.

#### Section 3 Conditions of Election and Service

3-3-1 The mayor: (a) shall devote full-time to the duties of the office; and (b) shall engage in no other business or occupation.

#### Section 4 Powers and Duties

3-4-1 The mayor shall be the chief executive and administrative officer of Agawam and shall be responsible for the effective administration of all affairs placed in his jurisdiction by or under this charter.

3-4-2 The mayor shall have the power to appoint: (a) on the basis of merit and fitness alone, and except as otherwise may be provided by this charter, collective bargaining agreements, or applicable civil service and tenure of office provisions, may suspend or remove all officers and employees, except elective officials and those under the jurisdiction of the school committee; and (b) members of any building and facilities committee established to oversee planning, construction, alterations, and other building activities authorized by the council.

3-4-3 The mayor may submit administrative reorganization proposals to the council, as provided in article six.

#### 3-4-4 The mayor shall:

(a) supervise and direct the administration of all boards, commissions, offices, and departments except the council, school committee, school health personnel, accountant, board of appeals, clerk of the council, board of health, and housing authority;

(b) fix the compensation of all officers and employees appointed by him within the limits established by the personnel ordinance and appropriations made for that purpose;

(c) keep the council fully informed as to current and long-range needs and make such recommendations to the council as deemed necessary and appropriate;

(d) prepare, assemble, and submit to the council the proposed annual operating and capital budgets, as provided in article five;

(e) have jurisdiction over the rental and use of all town facilities, except those under the jurisdiction of the school committee;

(f) be responsible for the maintenance and repair of all town buildings and property, including school buildings, except as provided in section 4-1-5;

(g) maintain and update annually an inventory of all town real and personal property;

(h) negotiate, approve, and execute contracts on any matter within his jurisdiction, copies of which shall be filed with the town clerk and the clerk of the council;

(i) act as the central purchasing agent for all departments and activities, except those under the jurisdiction of the school committee and board of library trustees, unless so requested by either agency;

(j) insure that all provisions of applicable general law, this charter, ordinances, and votes of the council, as enforceable by him, are faithfully carried out; and

(k) perform such other duties as may be required by this charter, ordinance, or vote of the council.

3-4-5 The mayor may exercise the power of veto in the following manner: Every action taken by the council, except: (a) actions relating to the internal affairs of the council; (b) memorial resolutions; (c) emergencies as defined in section 2-10-4; and (d) the budget, shall be submitted to the mayor who within ten days either shall approve the action by affixing his signature or shall return the action to the council with his written disapproval and objections.



The council shall enter the objections of the mayor upon its records and shall forthwith reconsider such action. If on such reconsideration said legislation receives two-thirds vote of the full council, it shall be considered approved. If the mayor shall neither approve nor disapprove an action taken by the council within ten days from the time it was presented to him, it shall be deemed approved.

#### Section 5 Acting Mayor

3-5-1 By letter filed with the council and town clerk, the mayor shall designate a qualified administrative officer or employee to serve as acting mayor during his temporary absence, not to exceed ten days. Upon the expiration of ten days, the council president may serve as acting mayor.

3-5-2 In the event of the mayor's absence and inability for any reason to designate an acting mayor, the council president, after three successive days, shall serve as acting mayor.

3-5-3 An acting mayor shall receive full salary and benefits as provided by ordinance for the mayor.

#### Section 6 Vacancy

3-6-1 A vacancy in the office of mayor shall be declared by the town clerk following failure to elect, or notification of the death, resignation, or failure to qualify for residency, of the mayor.

3-6-2 If a vacancy occurs during the first fifteen months of the mayor's two year term of office, a special election shall be called for the sole purpose of electing the mayor, such election to be held at the discretion of the town clerk within forty-five to fifty days following declaration of the vacancy. The council president shall serve as temporary mayor until a newly elected mayor is qualified for office. If there is a vacancy in the position of the council president, then the council vice-president shall serve as temporary mayor until a newly elected mayor is qualified for office.

3-6-2 If a vacancy occurs during the final nine months of the mayor's two year term of office, the council president shall serve as temporary mayor until the next regular biennial election. If there is a vacancy in the position of council president, the vice-president shall serve as temporary mayor until the next regular biennial election.

3-6-3 A temporary mayor shall have the full powers of the office except that appointments made to boards, commissions, offices, or departments, shall be temporary in nature, and both appointments and transfers of personnel shall be subject to council confirmation.

3-6-4 A temporary mayor shall receive full salary and benefits as provided by ordinance for the mayor.

### ARTICLE FOUR ELECTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

#### Section 1 School Committee

4-1-1 **Composition and Terms of Office.** A school committee of seven members shall be nominated and elected from at large for two year terms of office. Said terms shall commence on the last secular day of November following each regular biennial election.

4-1-2 **Eligibility.** Any registered voter shall be eligible for nomination and election to the school committee.

4-1-3 **Prohibitions.** No member of the school committee shall hold any other office or position, the salary or compensation for which is payable from the town treasury. No former school committee member shall hold any compensated, appointed office or employment in the Agawam government for at least one year following the expiration of membership on the committee.

4-1-4 **Chairman and Vice-Chairman.** After newly elected school committee members have taken office, the school committee shall be convened by the eldest member in age who shall preside. The committee shall then appoint from its membership a chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary to serve at its pleasure but not exceeding one year. They shall, however, be eligible to succeed themselves in office.

The chairman shall preside at committee meetings and shall perform such other duties as provided by this charter, or by committee vote. The vice-chairman shall act as chairman during the absence or disability of the latter.

4-1-5 **General Powers and Duties.** The school committee shall possess all powers and duties granted under the constitution and general laws, and it may possess such additional powers and duties as may from time to time by ordinance be established by the council.

The committee shall: (a) have general charge of the public schools except as provided in section 3-4-4 (f); (b) appoint a superintendent of schools and all other officers and employees of the school system except maintenance personnel; (c) fix their compensation, define their duties and responsibilities, and establish rules and regulations concerning their appointment, renewal, and tenure of office; (d) equip and furnish all school buildings; and (e) establish such rules, regulations, and orders as may be necessary for the conduct of its business and the governance of the school system.

4-1-6 **School Building Sites and Construction.** Acquisition of any school building site shall require prior approval of the school committee.

All plans and the initiation of any work on the construction or alteration of any school building shall require prior approval of the school committee and mayor.

Following initiation of work, the mayor shall furnish the school committee with prior written notification, except in the case of ordinary repairs, of any alterations in plans or changes in construction.

4-1-7 **Vacancies.** A vacancy in the office of school committee member shall be declared by the town clerk following failure to elect, or notification of the death, resignation, or failure to qualify for residency, of any committee member.

If a vacancy occurs during the first fifteen months of any school committee member's two year term of office, the town clerk shall call a special election for the sole purpose of filling the committee vacancy, such election to be held at the discretion of the clerk within forty-five to sixty days following declaration of the vacancy. The remaining members of the committee shall at the same time appoint the unsuccessful candidate for school committee who received the greatest number of votes in the preceding regular committee election. If such person declines to serve, the committee shall proceed through the list of unsuccessful candidates in descending order of votes received until such vacancy is filled. The person appointed shall serve until the candidate chosen at the special election takes office.

If a vacancy occurs during the final nine months of any committee member's two year term of office, it shall be filled in the manner provided above, except that no special election shall be called.

#### Section 2 Board of Health

4-2-1 **Composition and Terms of Office.** A board of health of five members shall be established, with four members to be nominated and elected from at large, and one member to be appointed under the authority of the commonwealth, all for two year terms of office. Said terms shall commence on the last secular day of November following each regular biennial election.

4-2-2 **Eligibility.** Any registered voter shall be eligible for nomination and election to the board of health.

4-2-3 **Vacancies.** Vacancies shall be declared and filled in accordance with the provisions of general law.

4-2-4 **Powers and Duties.** The board of health shall possess all powers and duties granted under the constitution and the general laws, and it may possess such additional duties as may from time to time be established by the council.

#### Section 3 Housing Authority

4-3-1 **Composition and Terms of Office.** A housing authority of five members shall be established, with four members to be nominated and elected from at large for two year terms of office, and one member to be appointed under the authority of the commonwealth. Said terms shall commence on the last secular day of November following each regular biennial election.

4-3-2 **Eligibility.** Any registered voter shall be eligible for nomination and election to the housing authority.

4-3-3 **Vacancies.** Vacancies shall be declared and filled in accordance with the provisions of general law.

4-3-4 **Powers and Duties.** The housing authority shall possess all powers and duties and be subject to such limitations as provided by the constitution and general law.

### ARTICLE FIVE FINANCIAL PROVISIONS AND PROCEDURES

#### Section 1 The Annual Budget

5-1-1 **Submission of Proposed Budget and Message.** Within the period provided by general law, the mayor shall submit to the council a proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal year, with an accompanying budget message and supporting documents.

5-1-2 **Budget Message.** The budget message shall explain the budget for all agencies in both fiscal and programmatic terms. It shall: (a) outline proposed financial policies for the ensuing fiscal year; (b) describe important features of the budget; (c) indicate any major variations from the current year in financial policies, expenditures, and revenues, including the reasons for such variations; (d) summarize the town's debt position; and (e) include such other materials as the mayor may deem desirable or the council may require.

5-1-3 **Proposed Budget.** The proposed budget shall provide a complete financial plan for all funds and activities, including the proposed school committee budget for the ensuing year.

Except for the school budget, or as may be required by general law, it shall be in such form as the mayor deems desirable or the council may require.

In submitting the proposed budget, the mayor shall utilize modern fiscal principles so as to afford maximum information and control. The budget shall detail all estimated revenue from the property tax levy and other sources, and all proposed expenditures, including debt service for the previous, current, and ensuing years and shall indicate separately: (a) proposed expenditures for both current operations and capital projects during the ensuing year, detailed by agency, purpose, and position, together with proposed financing methods; and (b) estimated surplus revenue and free cash available at the close of the fiscal year, including estimated balances in special accounts.

5-1-4 **Hearing on the Proposed Budget.** The council shall conduct at least one public hearing on the proposed budget, and it shall publish, in a newspaper of general circulation in Agawam, a general summary of the budget and a notice stating: (a) the times and places where copies of the proposed budget shall be available for inspection; and (b) the date, time, and place not less than fourteen days following such publication, when the public hearing on the proposed budget shall be conducted by the council.

5-1-5 **Budget Adoption.** The council shall adopt the proposed budget, with or without amendments, within forty-five days following its receipt from the mayor. It may delete or decrease any amount or program except expenditures required by law or for debt service, but except on recommendation by the mayor, it may not increase any amount in, or the total of, the proposed budget. Adoption of the budget shall constitute appropriation of the amounts specified therein.

Should the council fail to take action on the proposed budget or any item therein within the required forty-five day period, such amounts shall automatically be appropriated for the ensuing year and shall be available for the purposes specified.

#### Section 2 Capital Improvements Program

5-2-1 **Submission of Program.** At least thirty days prior to the final date for submission of the operating budget, the mayor shall submit to the council a five year capital improvements program which shall include: (a) a clear summary of its contents; (b) a list of all capital improvements proposed to be undertaken during the next five fiscal years, together with supporting data; (c) cost estimates, methods of financing, and recommended time schedules; and (d) the estimated annual cost of operating and maintaining any facility to be constructed or acquired.

Information requirements described above may be revised and extended annually with respect to capital improvements in the process of construction or acquisition. A capital improvement shall be defined by the mayor in consultation with other officials, such definition to be changed from time to time as necessary to reflect current economic conditions.

5-2-2 **Hearing on the Program.** The council shall conduct at least one public hearing on the capital improvements program, and it shall publish, in a newspaper of general circulation in Agawam, a general summary of the program and a notice stating: (a) the times and places where copies of the program shall be available for inspection; and (b) the date, time, and place, not less than fourteen days following such publication, when the public hearing on the program shall be conducted by the council.

5-2-3 **Program Adoption.** The council shall adopt the capital improvements program by resolution, with or without amendments, within ten days prior to the close of the current fiscal year, provided, however, that each amendment shall be separately voted, and provided further that any program cost increases attributable to amendments shall identify the necessary financing methods.

#### Section 3 Emergency Appropriations

5-3-1 The council shall have the power to enact emergency appropriations orders to meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property, or the public peace. Any such order shall be enacted in accordance with the provisions of section 2-10-4.

#### Section 4 Independent Audit

5-4-1 The council shall cause an independent audit of all books and records of the town to be performed in the following instances: (a) whenever the commonwealth fails, in any three year period to provide for such audit; or (b) whenever, in its discretion, it deems an audit to be necessary. Any such audit shall be performed by a certified public accountant, or firm of such accountants, having no special interest, direct or indirect, in the affairs of the town.

### ARTICLE SIX ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION

#### Section 1 Reorganization by the Council

6-1-1 Except as may be prohibited by general law or this charter, the council may by ordinance: (a) reorganize, consolidate, or abolish, in whole or in part, any agency of the Agawam government except the school department; (b) establish new agencies; and (c) prescribe the functions of any agency; provided, however, that directors or heads of all agencies under the supervision of the mayor shall be appointed by him.

#### Section 2 Reorganization Proposals by the Mayor

6-2-1 Except as may be prohibited by general law or this charter, the mayor may, as he deems necessary or expedient, propose to the council: (a) the reorganization, consolidation, or abolition, in whole or in part, of any agency of the Agawam government except the school department; (b) the establishment of new agencies; and (c) the change in function of any agency. Any such reorganization proposal shall be in ordinance form and shall be accompanied by an explanatory message.

6-2-2 Upon receipt by the clerk of the council, any reorganization proposal submitted by the mayor shall be referred to an appropriate council committee which shall: (a) within thirty days thereafter, conduct a public hearing on such proposal; and (b) within ten days following such hearing, recommend to the council approval or disapproval of the proposal.

6-2-3 Within forty-five days following such recommendation, the council shall vote on the proposal, which, if finally adopted, shall become effective on the date fixed in the ordinance of establishment.

6-2-4 Any reorganization plan submitted by the mayor under this section shall not be subject to objection as provided by section 2-9-3.

#### Section 3 Publication

6-3-1 All reorganization plans adopted under this article shall be filed with the town clerk, and copies shall be incorporated as an appendix to the published ordinances.

### ARTICLE SEVEN NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

#### Section 1 Regular Biennial and Preliminary Elections

7-1-1 **Regular Election.** The regular biennial election for the office of mayor, council, board of health, and housing authority shall be by official ballot and shall be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November in each odd numbered year.

7-1-2 **Preliminary Election.** A preliminary election shall be by official ballot and shall be held, as necessary, on the fourth Tuesday preceding each regular biennial election, for the purpose of nominating candidates for all elective offices.

7-1-3 **Ballot Order.** The order of candidate names on the official ballot for any regular, special, or preliminary election shall be determined by a lottery conducted by the town clerk in the presence of such candidates or their designated representatives.

7-1-4 **Precincts.** Agawam shall be divided from time to time into as many precincts as required by general law, such precincts to be compact, contiguous, and substantially equal in population.

#### Section 2 Preliminary Elective

7-2-1 **Nomination Papers.** Each candidate for elective office at any preliminary or special election shall submit nomination papers signed by at least one hundred registered voters. Such papers shall not be valid for any candidate whose written acceptance is not attached thereto when filed.

7-2-2 **Ballot Information.** Each nomination paper and each official ballot prepared for use in a preliminary or special election may state in not more than eight words the elective or appointive offices, past and present, held by each candidate and the name of the political party in which each is enrolled.

7-2-3 **Nominations.** The several candidates for nomination at a preliminary election equal in number to twice as many mayor, council, board of health, and housing authority seats, respectively, as there are to be filled, and receiving the greatest number of votes, shall be declared nominated, and their names shall be printed on the official ballot to be used at the regular biennial election.

Should the preliminary election result in a tie vote among unsuccessful candidates, one of whom otherwise would be nominated, all such candidates shall be declared nominated, and their names shall be placed on the official ballot for the regular election.

7-2-4 **Conditions Rendering Preliminary Election Unnecessary.** If not more than twice as many candidates file nomination papers for the preliminary election as there are mayor, council, board of health, and housing authority seats, respectively, to be filled, the town clerk shall declare that: (a) such candidates are nominated; and (b) no preliminary election shall be held.

#### Section 3 Regular Election

7-3-1 **Ballot Information.** Each official ballot prepared for use in the regular biennial election shall contain, next to the name of each candidate: (a) the statement provided for in section 7-2-2; and (b) the phrase "Candidate for Reelection," as applicable.



**Section 4 Applicability of General Law**

7-4-1 Except as otherwise provided by this charter, the provisions of general law shall apply with respect to: (a) qualifications for voting; (b) registration of voters; (c) filing of nomination papers; (d) nomination and election of candidates; (e) the conduct of preliminary, regular, and special elections; (f) the submission of charter amendments and other referendum questions; (g) the counting of votes; and (h) the declaration of results.

**ARTICLE EIGHT****FREE PETITION, INITIATIVE, AND REFERENDUM****Section 1 Free Petition**

8-1-1 The registered voters of Agawam shall have the right to petition the council and the school committee on any matter of citizen concern falling within the jurisdiction of each body.

8-1-2 Any such petition shall be: (a) signed by at least fifty registered voters; (b) addressed to either the council or school committee; and (c) filed with the respective clerk. Within forty-five days after such filing, the respective body shall conduct a public hearing, duly publicized in advance, on the subject matter of the petition, and within ninety days following such public hearing it shall vote on the merits of the petition.

8-1-3 Hearings on two or more petitions filed under this section may be conducted at the same time and place.

8-1-4 The clerk of the respective body receiving any petition shall mail notice of the required public hearing to the first ten listed petitioners.

**Section 2 Initiative**

8-2-1 The registered voters of Agawam shall have the right to initiate legislation and other policy proposals except those excluded under section 8-4-1, by filing an initiative petition.

8-2-2 **Petition Requirements.** An initiative petition shall: (a) be addressed to the council or school committee; (b) request the passage of an ordinance, order, vote, or resolution on a specific matter of concern; (c) be filed with the town clerk; and (d) be signed by at least ten percent of the total number of registered voters.

8-2-3 **Petition Certification.** If, within five days following receipt of an initiative petition the registrars of voters shall determine it to bear a sufficient number of signatures, the town clerk shall: (a) forward the certified petition to the council or school committee, as appropriate; (b) notify the petition sponsor of its certification; and (c) forward a copy of the petition to the town attorney.

8-2-4 **Attorney's Opinion.** Within fifteen days following receipt of the petition, the town attorney shall submit a written opinion to the town clerk as to its validity for adoption by the council or school committee. A copy of such opinion shall be forwarded by the clerk to the petition sponsor.

8-2-5 **Action on Petition.** Within twenty days following certification of the initiative petition, the council or school committee, as appropriate, shall: (a) adopt the initiative proposal without amendment, subject to the referendum provisions of this charter; or (b) call a special election for the sole purpose of placing the initiative proposal before the voters. Such election shall be held at the discretion of the council within thirty to forty-five days following petition certification, provided, however, that in the case of a petition to the school committee, the town clerk shall, at the committee's request, call such election and fix the date.

Should any regular or other special election be scheduled within four months following petition certification, the special election provided herein shall not be called, and the initiative proposal shall be submitted to the voters at such ensuing election. No initiative proposal submitted at any election shall be adopted unless at least twenty per cent of the total number of registered voters cast a ballot thereon.

**Section 3 Referendum**

8-3-1 The registered voters of Agawam shall have the right to protest and act upon decisions of the council and school committee, except those excluded under section 8-4-1, by filing a referendum petition.

8-3-2 **Petition Requirements.** A referendum petition shall: (a) be addressed to the council or school committee; (b) protest the passage of an ordinance, order, vote, or resolution on a specific matter subject to referendum; (c) be filed with the town clerk; and (d) be signed by at least ten per cent of the total number of registered voters.

8-3-3 **Petition Certification and Referral.** Procedures for certification of the referendum petition and referral to the town attorney shall be the same as those for an initiative petition under sections 8-2-3 and 8-2-4, respectively.

8-3-4 **Action on Petition.** Procedures for action on the referendum petition shall be the same as those for an initiative petition under section 8-2-5 except that the council or school committee, as appropriate, shall rescind its protested decision or proceed to the special election provided for therein. No referendum, however, shall await a regular or other special election.

**Section 4 Initiative and Referendum: Exempted Actions**

8-4-1 The following actions shall not be subject to initiative or referendum procedures under this article: (a) an action relating to the organization or operations of the council or school committee; (b) an emergency ordinance enacted under this charter; (c) the council or school committee budget in its entirety; (d) a tax anticipation loan order; (e) an appropriation for the payment of notes or bonds; (f) an appropriation for the implementation of a collective bargaining agreement; (g) a personnel action relating to a town officer or employee; (h) an action repealing or rescinding an enactment, in whole or in part, protested by referendum procedures; and (i) an action providing for the referral of a question to the voters.

**ARTICLE NINE  
GENERAL PROVISIONS****Section 1 Charter Amendment**

9-1-1 **General.** This charter may be replaced, revised, or amended in accordance with the provisions of article eighty-nine of the amendments to the constitution and chapter 43B of the general laws.

9-1-2 **Major Amendment.** Any amendment relating to the composition, mode of selection, or terms of office of the council or the mayor may be proposed only by a charter commission elected in accordance with the provisions of general law.

9-1-3 **Minor Amendment.** Any amendment relating to any other charter matter may be proposed by a two-thirds vote of the council: (a) on its own initiative; or (b) on the written request of any councillor, the mayor, or fifty registered voters.

9-1-4 **Referral to the Voters.** All proposed amendments to this charter shall be submitted to the voters of Agawam in accordance with the provisions of the constitution and general law.

**Section 2 Specific Provisions to Prevail**

9-2-1 To the extent that any specific provision of this charter shall conflict with any general provision thereof, the specific provision shall prevail.

**Section 3 Severability of Charter**

9-3-1 The provisions of this charter are severable. If any provision of this charter is held invalid, the remaining charter provisions shall not be affected thereby. If the application of this charter or any of its provisions to any person or circumstance is held invalid, its application and provisions to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

**Section 4 General Meetings**

9-4-1 Nothing in this charter shall be construed to prohibit the voters of Agawam from time to time to exercise their right to call general meetings: (a) at such place, date, and time as may be fixed by at least one hundred voters on a petition to the town clerk; and (b) for which at least five days notice is publicly posted.

**Section 5 Oath of Office and Certificate**

9-5-1 Except as otherwise provided by general law, all persons elected or appointed to an office of the Agawam government shall take an oath or affirmation prior to entering upon their duties. The town clerk shall: (a) maintain a record of such oath or affirmation; and (b) issue to each officeholder a certificate of election or appointment, as appropriate.

**Section 6 Boards, Commissions, and Committees**

9-6-1 **Organization and Meetings.** All boards, commissions, and committees of the Agawam government shall: (a) organize annually and elect a chairman and other necessary officers; (b) establish a schedule of regular meetings; and (c) conduct special meetings on the call of the chairman, of one-third the members thereof by written notice delivered to the residence of each member at least forty-eight hours in advance, or on petition of at least one hundred registered voters filed with the town clerk.

All such meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the open meeting provisions of general law.

9-6-2 **Procedure.** All boards, commissions, and committees shall: (a) adopt rules of procedure and maintain a journal of proceedings, which shall be public records filed with the town clerk and the Agawam public library; (b) establish a majority quorum requirement for all meetings, provided that a lesser number may adjourn from time to time; (c) publicly post all meeting agendas at least forty-eight hours in advance; and (d) except on procedural matters and unless a vote is unanimous, take all votes by roll call with the yeas and nays recorded.

**Section 7 Suspensions and Removals**

9-7-1 **General.** Except as otherwise may be provided by this charter, collective bargaining agreements, or applicable civil service and tenure provisions, appointing authorities under this charter may suspend or remove from office, for good cause, officers and employees under their jurisdiction. Good cause shall include, but shall not be limited to, incapacity other than temporary illness, inefficiency, insubordination, or conduct unbecoming the office.

9-7-2 **Suspension.** Suspension shall be ordered by the appointing authority only if deemed necessary to protect the best interests of the town and for no longer than fifteen days.

9-7-3 **Removal.** Removal proceedings shall be as follows: (a) a written notice of intent to remove, together with a statement of the cause or causes therefor, shall be delivered by registered mail to the residence of the person sought to be removed; (b) within five days following receipt of said written notice, the officer or employee may request a public hearing before the appointing authority to be held within fourteen days thereafter; (c) at any such hearing, the officer or employee may be represented by counsel, present evidence, call witnesses, and question any witness; (d) final action shall be taken by the appointing authority within ten days following the date of such public hearing, or if no hearing is requested, within fourteen days following delivery of the notice of intent to remove; and (e) any person removed from office under this section shall have the right of appeal to the courts.

9-7-4 **Expired Term.** Nothing in this section shall be construed to grant hearing rights to any person holding a fixed term appointment whose term has expired without reappointment.

**Section 8 Revision of Code**

9-8-1 Commencing in the first year following the fully effective date of this charter and at least once in every ten year period thereafter, the council shall appoint a council committee which shall, within one year following its appointment: (a) review the code of ordinances; (b) prepare any necessary revisions and recodifications; and (c) propose them to the council for reenactment as a revised code.

9-8-2 The committee may, for assistance in its review, revision, and recodification, retain the town attorney, other counsel, or code specialists.

9-8-3 Upon reenactment, the revised code shall be published and made available to the public at a charge not to exceed a per copy cost. Annual supplements to the revised code, containing all enactments since its most recent publication, shall also be prepared and published.

**Section 9 Definitions**

9-9-1 Words and terms listed below, as used in this charter, shall have the following meanings:

(a) **Day**—Secular days, not including Sundays or legal holidays, if seven or fewer days; every calendar day, if more than seven days.

(b) **Full Council**—The full authorized council membership, any existent vacancies notwithstanding.

(c) **General Laws**—State laws which apply alike to all cities and towns, or to all cities, or to all towns, or to a class of municipalities.

(d) **Majority Vote**—A majority of those present and voting, provided that a quorum exists.

(e) **Registered Voters**—Persons qualified to vote in Agawam elections. Any percentage requirement of registered voters shall be in reference to those registered at the preceding regular biennial election.

(f) **Town Agency**—Any board, commission, committee, council, division, bureau, department, or office of the Agawam government.

**ARTICLE TEN  
TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS****Section 1 Effective Date**

10-1-1 This charter shall become fully effective on the first secular day in July in the year following its adoption, but it shall become partially effective at once to permit the following: (a) the scheduling of a special election on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in June in the year following its adoption, such election to be held for the sole purpose of electing a mayor, a new council, a board of health, and a housing authority; and (b) the scheduling of a preliminary election on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in May in the year following its adoption, such election to be held for the sole purpose of nominating candidates for the office of mayor, the new council, the board of health, and the housing authority.

10-1-2 All procedures for the nomination and election of the mayor, council, board of health, and housing authority shall be in accordance with the applicable provisions of article seven.

**Section 2 Council Organization**

10-2-1 Councillors elected at the special election shall take office on the first secular day in July, at which time the terms of the incumbent councillors shall expire. Within seven days after its members take office, the council shall be convened by the eldest member in age who shall preside, at which time the council shall: (a) organize by appointing a president, vice-president, and clerk; and (b) conduct such other business as may be deemed necessary for an orderly transition of government.

**Section 3 Executive Organization**

10-3-1 Upon the fully effective date of this charter: (a) the mayor shall assume all powers and duties prescribed by this charter; and (b) the office of manager shall be abolished.

**Section 4 Elected Boards and Commissions**

10-4-1 **Board of Health.** Terms of office of all members of the board of health in office at the time this charter is adopted shall expire upon the assumption of powers and duties by the newly elected board of health on the first secular day in July in the year following the adoption of this charter.

10-4-2 **Housing Authority.** Terms of office of all members of the housing authority except the member appointed under the authority of the commonwealth shall expire upon the assumption of powers and duties by the newly elected housing authority on the first secular day in July in the year following the adoption of this charter.

**Section 5 Continuation of Government**

10-5-1 Appointed and elected town officials and board members holding office on the effective date of this charter shall continue to serve until reelected, reappointed, their successors have been qualified, or their duties have been transferred. No regular full-time or part-time officer or employee shall forfeit his pay grade or longevity as a result of the adoption of this charter.

**Section 6 Continuation of Ordinances**

10-6-1 All special acts, ordinances, rules, regulations, resolutions, and council votes in force on the effective date of this charter, not inconsistent with its provisions, shall continue in force until amended or repealed.

**Section 7 Continuation of Contracts**

10-7-1 All rights, claims, actions, orders, contracts, and other proceedings entered into by or for the town prior to the effective date of this charter shall continue in full force and effect.

**Section 8 Council Salaries**

10-8-1 Each councillor shall receive a salary of \$1,800, and the council president shall receive an additional \$300, per annum. Such amounts shall continue until changed by ordinance under section 2-4-1 of this charter.

**Section 9 Salary of the Mayor**

10-9-1 Until such time as some other salary is established in accordance with the provisions of this charter, the mayor shall receive a salary of \$27,000 per annum.

**Purpose and procedure for public hearing**

Wed. June 28, 1978

The public hearing is being held in accordance with Chapter 43B, Section 9(b) of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

It is the intention of the Charter Commission that the residents of the town, organizations and those representing them be given the opportunity to express their opinions on specific articles now contained in the preliminary report.

1. After having been recognized by the chairman, each individual will be allocated ten minutes of speaking time. An additional five minutes may be requested of the chairman if necessary.

2. All citizens in attendance will be granted the opportunity to speak at least once, a second opportunity will be granted only after all other individuals have been heard. (Time permitting)

3. Speakers must give their names and addresses. If representing an organization, they must so state.

4. Residents of the town will be recognized first unless the individual is representing a local party or organization.

5. The Commission will accept statements in writing at the meeting or at any other time during the Commissions' deliberations. They should be addressed to Edmund Coffey, Clerk, Agawam Charter Commission, Town Hall.





Members of the Agawam V.F.W. Post 1632 Hi-Lo's Band entertained the residents of Heritage Hall Nursing Home with a band concert recently.  
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## Adult Volleyball

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The Hi-Lo's Color Guard. photo by Jack Devine

## Council For Children News

### PARENT TRAINING CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOPS - June 23, 1978

A college credit workshop for parental training will be held at Holyoke Community College, Holyoke, Massachusetts sponsored by Western Massachusetts Training Consortium. There will be a registration fee of \$2.00, with a buffet luncheon served at the college for \$3.00. For preregistration call Kaye Winslow at 538-9039, or for additional information. Workshops are

scheduled for 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**PICNIC POTLUCK** will be held on June 24th for Specialized Sitters, (trained to sit for handicapped children). Get-together for parents, sitters, and children to become acquainted at Comp Seco, Forest Park, Springfield. Call Sandy 734-9059, or Tracy 596-9871 for reservations and dish to bring. Games, story-time, a play, and fun day for all.

Eileen Lussier has a Specialized Sitter list of trained specialized needs sitters for handicapped children. If you are in need of a specialized sitter, please call Eileen at 736-0688. Also, there will be training beginning in the fall for specialized sitters. If you are interested, please call

Eileen, or for information call 586-1734, Council for Children, Edna Condino, Agawam/Feeding Hills representative.

### Early Pregnancy Exercise Classes

Exercises for early pregnancy (after the third month) and the post partum period will highlight a six-week course sponsored by the Parent Education Office at Baystate Medical Center. Classes will be held in the Living Room of the Nurses Residence on Springfield Street adjacent to the

Springfield Hospital from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., beginning Thursday (June 22).

Mrs. Marian Boyd, physical therapist with specific training in exercises for pregnancy, will conduct the classes.

Exercises will be geared to putting the pregnant woman into proper shape for

delivery and to getting the post partum woman back into shape.

Classes are open to the general public. Pre-registration is required through the Parent Education Office at Baystate Medical Center, 787-5456. A fee will be charged.

<b>Ground Beef</b> 10 lb. lot <b>99¢</b> lb.	<b>Beef Patties</b> 10 lb. lot <b>\$1.09</b> lb.
<b>U.S.D.A. CHOICE Tenderized Steak</b> <b>\$1.69</b> lb.	<b>Breaded Veal Patty</b> 6 lb. box <b>90¢</b> lb.
<b>Hormel Super Select Center Cut Pork Chops</b> <b>\$1.69</b> lb.	<b>Plain Veal Patties</b> 6 lb. box <b>1.00</b> lb.
<b>Land O' Lakes American Cheese</b> 5 lb. loaf <b>1.30</b> lb.	<b>Country Style Spare Ribs</b> <b>\$1.29</b> lb.
<b>T &amp; R WHOLESALE FOODS</b> BUTCHER'S CORNER RETAIL CUSTOMERS WELCOME <b>MON-SAT 8am-6pm</b> U.S.D.A. CHOICE MEATS ONLY 385 WALNUT ST. AGAWAM SHOPPING CENTER	
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### Softball Umpire's Clinic

There will be a clinic for any youngster 15 years or older interested in becoming a softball umpire on June 23rd at 3:00 P.M. and 24th at 9:00 A.M. at Westfield High School. On June 23rd rules and positioning will be covered. It will be assumed that you would have already read the rule book prior to the first session. There is a \$5.00 registration fee for the clinic. Any questions may be directed to Debbie Ging, Agawam Parks and Recreation Office, 786-0400 Ext. 33.

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Danaby School's Mrs. Frances Murray, seated is pictured at a recent retirement party held in her honor. With Mrs. Murray is Rosalie Walsh, President of Danaby's P.T.O.

## Frances Murray, Teacher, Retires

In 1957 the girl who was chosen Beauty Queen of Westfield State came to Danahy School to teach fourth grade. She was assigned to Room 2 which is now Mrs. Santinello's room, and there she stayed for 18 years. Fourth grade along with Mrs. Murray then moved to Room 9, where she stayed for 2 more years, and finally to Room 10 where she is now — still teaching fourth.

In the process, she has gone through 5 principals: Miss Lynch, Mrs. LaBonte, Mr. Miller, Mr. O'Keefe and now me — and I'm not surviving her by much.

She has also been sun-

burned, drenched, or frozen at 21 field days and several music festivals and spent innumerable hours drilling children for performances on Lincoln's birthday, Washington's birthday, or Flag Day.

She has affected the lives in one way or another of approximately 500 children — and when they left her room, they knew their fourth-grade English grammar, reading, and math, as well as the old-fashioned, on-your-feet, speak-up courtesies. To this she added her flair for the dramatic and her love of music.

And so, Mrs. Murray, for

21 years of service to the children of Danahy, we say "Thank you" and have a well-earned happy retirement.

## Center Library Association

The Agawam Center Library is in danger of being closed when the new central library opens. As a result of the adoption of the 1978-79 Town of Agawam Budget by the Town Council funds were cut.

Many townspeople are seriously concerned at the closing of this historic building which has served the town since 1924.

In response to the overwhelming number of inquiries, the Agawam Center Library Association suggests that any concerned citizen should express

his/her feeling to the town councilors and other town officials.

## Golden Age Club

The Agawam Golden Age Club held their monthly meeting on June 14th at the Agawam Senior Center. Gift Bingo was played, and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

The next meeting of the Golden Agers will be on July 28th. Vera Conway will entertain on her accordion. The meeting will be at the Agawam Senior Center, Wright Street, and will begin at 1:30.

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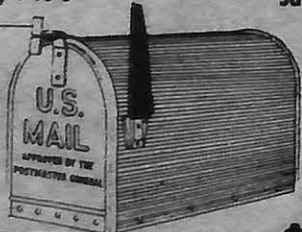
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## Olympia Gymnastics, Inc.

Olympia Gymnastics, Inc., a non-profit summer gymnastics program at Cathedral High School, will offer three two-week sessions this summer for girls ages five through 16 with classes offered for the novice, intermediate, and advanced gymnast.

According to Olympia Director, Lyn Wildes, the summer program will be offered Monday through Friday July 10-21, July 24-August 4, and August 7-18 at the Cathedral gymnasium. Daily workouts will be held

on the four Olympic events - balance beam, floor exercise, uneven bars, and vaulting - daily from 9:00 A.M. through 2:00 P.M.

Mrs. Wildes, the head coach of the Cathedral High School girl's gymnastics team since 1974, has had an extensive background in gymnastics and the dance. She has led her Cathedral squads to a cumulative 36-4 dual meet record with Western Mass Championships in 1975 and 1976, and the MSSPA State Championship in 1976. Her 1976 squad listed three 'High

School All-Americans.

Mrs. Wildes, the Vice President of the Massachusetts Girl's Gymnastics Coaches Association, received a B.S. degree from Springfield College in 1969, and an M.Ed. degree from Springfield in 1975.

Persons interested in further information on the Olympia summer program should contact Mrs. Wildes at 54 Moulton Street, Springfield, Mass. 01118 or call 782-9110 daily 5:00-9:00 P.M.

## "Coffee Day" A Success

The recent Easter Seal Society's "Coffee Day" was a success, with a total of \$5,499.79 being raised in Western Mass. The Town of Agawam raised the third highest donation among area cities and towns.

Acting Police Chief Romeo Borgatti, and Ed Borgatti of the Police Department, Chairman, exceeded last year's total of \$74.00 by 800%. A Certificate of Ap-

preciation was presented to the Police Department for its fine effort in this drive. A "thank you" was also extended to the Agawam Auxiliary Police who aided in the effort.

The money raised will make it possible for the Society to continue its many beneficial programs serving disabled children and adults.

## Volunteers Needed

The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department is looking for energetic, enthusiastic, volunteers to work at Camp Rainbow, the Special Needs Camp this summer. Anyone 14 yrs. or older that is interested in gaining valuable experience through work with handicapped children is asked to contact the Parks and Recreation Office. Camp hours are 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Monday thru Friday starting June 27th and ending August 17th.

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# Sports

## Twins Nab "Snake"

by DAN MARUSZCZAK JR.

Now with the draft long over and gone, the Twins turned to the legal matters of signing their prime draft choice, Agawam's Mike "Snake" Riley. Riley inked the official contract last Tuesday, June 13, in his 32 Melrose Place home. Minnesota aquired the "Snake" June 6th in the summer major league draft, with Riley being the tenth pitcher chosen throughout the country.

The actual contract was signed at 5:30 of that evening, with Minnesota

scout Stanley (Packy) Rogers instructing Riley, along with Agawam High Baseball coach Gerry Smith and his mother and father. Marion and John. Terms of the contract were not disclosed at press time.

The 6'7" Agawam fireballer will get his first look at pro ball this Thursday, his first professional club at Elizabethton, Tenn. in the Appalachian League. His first pitching start is still undetermined.

The "Snake" left for his Elizabethton team this past

Thursday from Bradley Airport in Windsor Locks, Conn. amongst a group of his usual well-wishers. He'll first fly to Melbourne, Florida, where he'll reoirt ti tge Twins' rookie training camp. Riley left early in order to run through a pre-season exercise schedule.

Riley finished up his season with the Agawam High team last Monday night, falling to defeat at the hands of the Holyoke Purple Knights, 5-2, before a crowd of 3,000 plus at Szot Park of Chicopee in the Western Mass. Division I final game.

The "Snake" finished up his last high school season with an impressive 10-2 record, 0.29 ERA, two saves, and 135 strikeouts in 93 2/3 innings pitched.

Team Spirit? Riley had it all, as he had a temperature of 104 when he pitched a complete game against Holyoke, although bowing

out. But who could blame him? The stamina for this feat would actually be tremendous. Beyond hurling the complete game, the "Snake" picked up a save in Agawam's semi-final win of 3-2, with three innings of no-hit, six strikeout relief, and meanwhile still feeling a bit under the weather.

Riley brought national recognition to Agawam as well as the wellfare of diamonds across Western Mass. with his blazing fastball and curve. His fastball reached a maximum speed this season of 92 m.p.h., along with the curve at 89. Who knows, the sky's the limit when it come to the "Snake's" speed as well as his superb control he exhibited throughout the season.

Indeed, Agawam may never forget the 18-year old kid with the blinding fastball that once pitched for the Brownies.

# Men's Softball Standings

"A" Division	W	L
Village Lounge	6	0
Dante Lounge	6	1
Village Package	4	1
Panel Land	3	3
Showcase	3	3
Gove Realty	2	3
Buccaneer "A"	2	4
Columbus Club "A"	2	4
Italian Sporting Club	2	4
Grants Exterminating	1	3
Valenti Pizza	1	5
"B" Division		
Silver Carriage	5	1
Joseph Liquors	5	1
Turners Club	5	1
Agawam Moose Club	4	1
Marchegian Club	4	1
Buccaneer "B"	3	1
Turcotte MFG.	3	2
Elbow Lounge	3	2
Agawam A's	3	2
Germano Auto Sales	2	4
Spartan Saw	2	4
Agawam J'cee	1	4
Village Lounge "B"	1	4
Insurance Center	1	5
Burd MFG.	1	5
Columbus Club "B"	0	5

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Front row (L. to R.) The Columbus Club men's softball team are: Rick Loncrini, Kenny Maynard, Steve Goodfriend, Dave Formaggioni, Michael Losito, Rick Berard. Back row (L. to R.) Rick Fattini, Dick Langlois, John Mooch Sr., Richard Mahoney, John Mooch Jr., Michael Maynard.

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	W	L
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Italian Sporting Club	4	1
Elbow	4	1
Polish Club	3	1
Southgate Saloon	3	1
Columbus Club	2	1
Springfield Turnverin	2	2
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Ciro's	2	3
Michaels	1	4
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# Touching All Bases

by DAN MARUSZCAZAK JR.

This week's column is leaning a little out of my department, which is into the sport of fishing. This is more down the line of Bill Chiba, but I've decided to give it a try.

Cole Wilde, Chief of the Fisheries Unit of the Department of Environmental Protection (the DEP), has called on all Connecticut River anglers to use extreme care when fishing the lower sections of the river, as salmon smolts have been moving down the river in abundance since the past month-and-a-half.

According to Wilde, of the Atlantic salmon restation program is going to achieve any degree of success in the Connecticut River, these small fish must make their way to the sea safely. It is presently illegal to keep a salmon less than fifteen inches.

Last year, seven Atlantic salmon were known to have returned to the Connecticut during last year's run. A single salmon was also found dead above the Holyoke fishway. This year's total output has shown much more

progress, as about 80 salmon to date have been reported returning through the river.

PAS IT ON - Nowadays, many fishermen release most of the fish they catch, figuring that a fish is worth more alive than on the dinner table.

But often a fisherman will get a good sized fish and kill it to take ashore for weighing. If you're caught without a scale, and want to know the weight of a fish, measure its weight and girth before releasing it, and then use these measurements to this formula:

$$\frac{800}{W \times G^2}$$

Actually, it isn't as hard as it looks. You figure the fish's length by measuring from the tip of the lower jaw to the bottom tip of the tail. The girth should be measured at the broadest part of the fish's body. In the above formula, "W" is the fishes weight in pounds, "L" it's length, and "G(2)" is the girth squared. Sound hard? It really isn't once you've used it a few times.

## AAA Baseball-Softball Standings

### Boys 8-10 League American Division

	W	L
1. Whyte Realty	7	0
2. AAA Landscaping	3	4
3. Stan's Soft Serve	3	4
4. Agawam DPW	2	5
5. Chim's Restaurant	2	6

### National Division

1. Medical Personnel	5	3
2. Abbett Tax	4	3
3. Century Auto	3	3
4. Corey Colonial	4	4
5. Mushy's	3	4

### Boys 10-12 League American Division

1. Chriscola	6	0
2. Food Mart	2	4
3. Brown	0	6

### National Division

1. Heritage Hall	4	2
2. Building 451	4	3
3. Town Texaco	2	3

### Boys 13-15 League

1. Elks #1	1	0
2. Elks #2	1	0
3. Gove	0	1
4. Solitario	0	1

### Girls 8-10 League American Division

	W	L
1. Heritage Hall	4	1
2. Agawam Fire	4	2
3. Feeding Hills Pharmacy	0	6

### National Division

1. J-C Ettles	5	0
2. Toomey & O'Brien	4	2
3. Elks	0	6

### Girls 10-12 League

1. St. John's	6	1
2. Elks	4	3
3. Annette's	3	4
4. Kiwanis	1	6

### Girls 13-15 League

1. Gino's	6	1
2. Liquori Bros.	5	3
3. Lunden	4	4
4. Lounge 21	0	7

# Morassi Wins Piccolo Award

The Agawam UNICO club has recently named Salvatore Morassi of 66 Sunset Terrace in Feeding Hills as this years winner of the annual Brian Piccolo Award, which distinguishes an outstanding athlete of Italian origin.

Morassi was a three-sport star at Agawam High School, lettering in track, wrestling, and football.

In football, he received the Roger Leclerc Award, which is presented to the most valuable senior of the team. Morassi also led the team with his crunching defensive tackles. Roger Leclerc was an outstanding kicker for the Chicago Bears, a past football coach at Agawam High School, and a present math teacher at the Agawam Jr. High.

Morassi was best known for his skills on the Agawam wrestling team, in which he captained to a third place spot in the Western Mass. tournament. Morassi weighed in at the 188 lb. class, piloting the Brownie matmen to victories over Tech and Cathedral, two of the top mat contenders in the Western Mass. area.

In one of his more crucial bouts, Morassi scored a

victory over Ron Chelkenas in the annual grudge match between Agawam and West

Morassi overpowered Chelkonas for a 5-point Agawam tally, and also the building block for a 47-7 Brownie triumph. Also wrestling alongside Sal was his brother John, who is also earning his way through the wrestling ranks. His other younger brother, Frank, is another prime prospect for the Agawam wrestling team next year, as he is presently completing the ninth grade at the Jr. High School.

In the track field, Morassi showed his skill with the shotput, muscling his way to a second place position on the team at the Steele Relays. He finished second overall at the track competition.

Morassi, the son of Salvatore Morassi, will be presented the award at a UNICO meeting in the near future by Recco Perrone, UNICO National Athletic Director.

The Piccolo Award is named in honor of the late Brian Piccolo, who played in the National Football League for the Chicago Bears at the same time as Agawam's Roger Leclerc.



Team members of the Agawam Athletic Association's 6-7 Instructional baseball, the Clark 'A' Red Sox are front row, left to right: Timothy Michael, Kevin Paine, Steven Lane, Jason Guevin, Chris Shuman, and Timothy Kamyk. Second Row same order: Michael Ibbotson, Walter (Jr.) Bush, Danny Czepiel, Jeff Jeannette, and David Anspach. Third row, Lou Guevin, Coach, Peter Schindler, Everett (Butch) Bush, Ken Messenger, and Coach Phil Shuman.

## From.... Riverside Speedway

by Larry Bouchard

After five weeks of racing at Riverside Speedway the regular drivers have yet to take a main event. Richie Evans from Rome, N.Y. and NASCAR grand champion Jerry Cook have taken the first three main events so far, due to the rain the fourth racing event was called off, when race five was run Jeff Bodine, who has switched his regular Saturday night racing from Seekonk Speedway to Riverside, ran away with the main.

Riverside's defending champ Bob Polverari, who is behind the wheel of the new #20 has not been having the success he had in the last three years when he won three straight championships behind the wheel of his #711 car. Bob is always been a steady front runner and is starting to get the bugs out of the beautifully prepared #20.

Billy Knight who is one of the top young drivers at the park, has had his broubles. Billy hit the wall on his last outing and was unable to continue due to considerable damage to the front end, but the way his crew works, under the leadership from his Dad, Billy will be back at the park looking for his first main event.

Riverside runs every Saturday night at 7:30, with the modifieds and figure 8, so stop down and watch Riverside regulars do battle with the out of state drivers at the show place of New England, beautiful Riverside Park.

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## Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



Rock Gardens can be done in several ways. The presence of rocks alone does not insure a rock garden. A rock garden should be put in a naturalistic setting, not one which is formal or architectural in character. The rocks used should reflect the natural origins of the rock garden, both in types of rocks and in their placement. Don't use too many rocks, they can make the planting look harsh. Put the rocks in the ground, not on the ground, for a natural look. In general, try to use plants that grow no taller than 12". There are many 'rules of thumb' as they say, for arranging and planting a rock garden. If you plan to

'construct' a masterpiece, obtain one of the many books out on the subject and follow it to the letter. If, like myself, you want a happy collection of your favorite 'little' plants and a few good looking stones, don't bother with the books; just cart in some stones and rocks from a back lot or an old gravel pit and fling them around for a while until they look right. Once they have landed in a suitable place, fix each one so it looks like it's been with you a while. Add some smaller stones for accent and begin planting. In my 'rock' garden (I use the term loosely) I have mixed Herbs, Irises, Sedums, annuals, and perennials of

all sorts. The end result seems quite natural and I can get a good close look at some of my favorite 'little' plants. Just about anything is correct for the home gardener if it make you happy!

In one of my ramblings a few issues back, I told you about using Herbs to repel insects in the garden. If you planted some of these, you will want to be getting some use from them in the kitchen. There is no point letting the bugs have all the fun. The garlic bulbs you stuck into the root systems of your roses should be looking good now. Don't pull up the garlic bulb, just snip off the tips (about 4") of the leaves, cut them up just like scallions, and add them to a green potato or macaroni salad. The flavor is great! Pick the fresh basil leaves from the basil plants you planted between the tomato plants in the vegetable garden. Use them in your next omelette, you will love it. If you put in some sage plants with your carrots, pick some fresh sage leaves and use them, ground up or cut up finely, in a creamed cheese dip. The taste is very refreshing. Don't forget to use your mint in those cool summer drinks.

NEXT WEEK: Back to the vegetable garden; some thoughts on your foundation-planting that is . . . . KEEP SMILING! JMC



Members of the kindergarten class at James Clark School are shown with their teacher, Ms. Jane Sakowski (far left), on a recent trip to Forest Park. The children visited the Kiddieland Zoo, and rode the Zoo's train.

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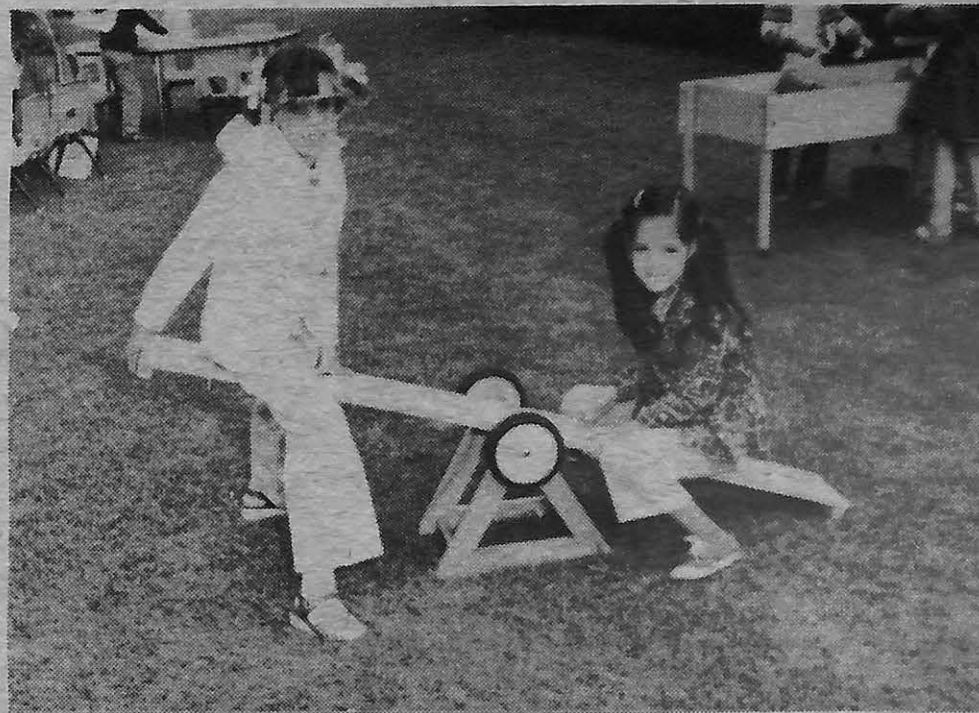
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These kindergarteners enjoyed the see-saw at the James Clark School field day.

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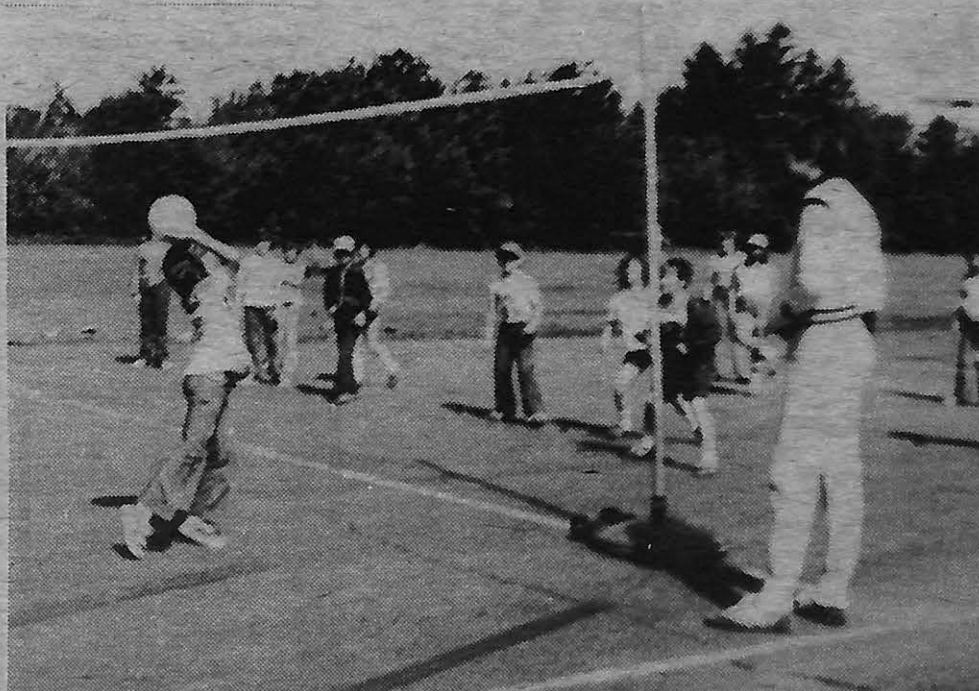
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Volleyball was one of the many activities participated in by the students of James Clark School at their annual "field day" held last week.

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Children from the Pumpkin Patch Nursery School recently toured the Agawam Police Station. Sgt. Stanley Chmielewski is pictured with the group. Standing from left to right are the teachers at the school; Connie Andry, Linda Cone, and Sandra Lepore, all of Agawam. photo by Jack Devine

## Toni Glover & Company At Riverside

Toni Glover and Company is an important part of the bill of fare at Riverside Park's authentic sidewalk Italian Cafe—with seating for more than 300 patrons. The Riverside spaghetti kitchen is considered "one of the most modern and innovative in New England." And the musical talents of Toni and Co. add up to an altogether pleasant treat.

Showtimes for this youthful group of five musicians (ranging in age from 20 to 25) are at 8, 9, 10, and 11 p.m. They do 40-minute sets and because of the enthusiasm they generate, they are lucky to get a 20-minute break between appearances.

Toni Glover, 25, is the lead singer and is a native of Dallas, Texas. Perry DuPree, 25, plays bass guitar and acoustical guitar, and comes from Atlanta, Ga. Glenn Myer is the youngest of the group at 20. He plays drums, and hails from Queens, N.Y. Gary Clements, 22, hands lead guitar and the keyboards, and is a native of Atlanta, Ga. Musical director is Tom Whidden, 25, who plays keyboards. He is from Sparks, Ga.

Medicine's loss turned out to be the musical field's gain when Toni finally succumbed to the call of music and show business. She and Tom attended Georgia State

University where they met. Whidden has his Masters degree in music. Toni originally was a pre-med student there. Then, she decided to go into veterinary medicine, but during this time she realized she could not stay away from music.

Audiences at the Agawam amusement park agree the final choice fits Toni to a "T", because she has a dynamic voice.

The music of T.G. & C. is rock, country, Broadway and disco. They have the ability to play just about any type of music a crowd wants to hear. Perry and Gary sing Loggins and Messina, as well as country and rock.

## Family Passes To Laughing Brook

The families of more than 38,000 Greater Springfield school children will get a free firsthand look at nature courtesy of Laughing Brook Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary in Hampden.

The staff and volunteers at the nature center are delivering 38,560 free family passes to elementary schools in 10 communities and to schools in the Springfield Catholic Diocese.

"We're trying to give area kids and their families a

view of what we do and our plans for the future," Major Benton, Laughing Brook's director, said today.

The wildlife sanctuary is in the midst of a \$460,000 capital funds drive to raise money for an environmental education center and upgrade education facilities at the Main Street sanctuary.

The pass was printed on parchment paper donated by Parsons Paper Company of Holyoke and drawn by local artist James Trelease.

Children presenting the pass at the gates will be allowed by play host to their families in touring the 259-acre sanctuary with its animal exhibits and nature trails.

Benton said a display of building plans will be on exhibit in the nature center.

Laughing Brook was the home of the famous children's nature story author, Thornton W. Burgess, and is now run by the Massachusetts Audubon Society.

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West Springfield, MA - Lee Goldman, Executive Editor of "Organic Gardening and Farming Magazine" will be the keynote speaker at the Natural Foods Fair at Storowtown Village, Saturday, June 24. The Fair will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Village, and is open to the public.

Goldman, who has been with the magazine for over 25 years, will speak on "For the Good Life, Try the Natural Way." He will also present some ideas on alternates for energy sources using natural powers such as solar and pedal power.

Prior to the position as Executive Editor with the magazine, Goldman served as managing editor. He has devoted much of his time and research to reporting the significant health aspects of the organic concepts. Included in his studies has been a long series of nutritional investigations into naturally grown foods, variety breeding for higher vitamin values, and biological pest controls to obviate chemical sprays which poison the environment.

Goldman is a former high school teacher and English Department head. Since 1961, he has helped direct the organic Garden Clubs of America, over 200 groups active throughout the U.S. and Canada.

The Natural Foods Fair will include exhibits, demonstrations and samples of natural products. Also included will be a seminar and book fair. The seminar will feature five panelists who will discuss a variety of subjects involving natural foods. The Book Fair includes many new and interesting titles for the occasional or avid reader.

The Fair is free to the public, while the seminar is \$10 to cover costs of the program.

For further information, contact June Cook, Storowtown Village Director, at (413) 736-0632.

## Loan For Pharmacy Students

A \$500 check has been presented to Abraham J. Haddad, Ph.D., Dean of Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, from the Burroughs Wellcome Pharmacy Education Program.

The money is intended to establish a revolving loan fund for deserving pharmacy students in the name of Mr. Raymond E. Provost of Agawam, Massachusetts, one of 156 winners in the 1977 program. Thirty-one thousand pharmacists entered from all fifty states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

In a letter of appreciation to Mr. Provost, Haddad said, "Congratulations on being a winner . . . and (our) sincere

thanks for designating our College to be the recipient of this award."

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